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PREFACE

How this Book Came to be Written and Published

In 1985, I became interested in genealogy and started tracing my Dotson ancestral line. This research led back to my native Ritchie County, West Virginia and the adjoining counties of Doddridge, Tyler and Wood. It also led to a correspondence with Barr Wilson who had lived all of his life at Toll Gate, Ritchie County, and who had published a book on his Wilson ancestors and associated families; one of these associated families was “Dotson”. Subsequently, in corroboration with Bertha Dotson Sellers, he wrote a separate Dotson family history *Richard Dotson (1752-1847)* which is the precursor of this book. His typed manuscript, completed in 1983, was distributed to the local libraries in the Ritchie-Doddridge County area, and generously loaned for copying to interested descendants of Richard Dotson such as myself. This family history was the first to recognize Richard Dotson as the sole progenitor of all the Dotsons living in the Ritchie-Doddridge area in the early 19th century. Much of the information in this family history came from his own personal knowledge of Dotson descendants still living in the Ritchie-Doddridge area, plus contributions from individual families; additional information was derived from local county public records—marriages, deeds, court records—plus census data up through 1850. Most of the information (and some misinformation) about Richard Dotson’s ancestors came from a Mrs. Hazel Seevers Beck, a descendant of Richard Dotson, who had sent it to Bertha Dotson Sellers.

In 1988, I agreed with Barr to research, and publish as co-author, a major revision to this family history. My principal contributions were to include (a) additional family information uncovered during my search of land records for the book *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865)* published by me in 1988, (b) later census information, that is, post 1850; and (c) the results of research at many genealogical libraries, looking for Richard Dotson’s parents and ancestors.

The result is this book containing 346 pages of text divided into eighteen chapters, the last fourteen of which are devoted to each of Richard Dotson’s known children. The book also includes five appendices, and an ‘every name’ index to the chaptered text; this index contains some 7000 name entries, with about 25% being Dotson.

In addition to his 1983 *Richard Dotson (1752-1847)* providing the nucleus of this publication, Barr has continued to contribute his more recently acquired information; he has also reviewed the draft of each chapter going into this revised edition.

While the resulting book represents a major increase in the published information about Richard Dotson and his descendants, it is by no means the final word. It should be considered a progress report representing the current status of knowledge about Richard Dotson, his descendants, and his ancestors. Hopefully it will provide the background and motivation for some of his descendants to continue research in these areas, particularly that of his ancestors. Our goal of finding Richard’s parents was not achieved; however, some promising leads are contained in the first chapter.

Acknowledgments

Many sources of information were used in the preparation of this book and gratefully acknowledged. Library sources included the family history libraries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Oakland, California, and Salt Lake City, Utah; Sutro Library in San Francisco, California; the West Virginia Archives and History Library, Cultural Center, Charleston; the Virginia State Library and Archives, Richmond, Virginia; the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Library in Washington, DC. Public record type information was obtained at the County Clerk offices of Doddridge County at West Union, and Ritchie County at Harrisville, West Virginia; Frederick County at Winchester, and Shenandoah County at Woodstock, Virginia; Federal Population Census information was copied at the National Archives, San Bruno, California.

Several Dotson descendants have contributed valuable information on their own family lines, and have reviewed drafts of their respective sections in the book; these sections, to which they have contributed, are identified in the text; Helen L. Simmons, Margaret Buoncristiana, Viola Wadsworth, Emolene and Armour Lynch, Art Dotson, Ruth Allen Stanley, and Linda Worden.

Publication of this book would not have been possible without the help and support of my wife Irma McGinnis Dotson, who got me interested in genealogy in the first place. Her contributions to the research for, and editing of this book, are gratefully acknowledged.

How This Book was Prepared for Publication

“Desk-top publishing “ is a recent term applied to a technique for the preparation of “camera-ready” material on a computer using the proper word-processing and page lay-out software. This book is an example, in which the author prepared the text, and type-set the master pages on a Macintosh computer. Printing of the “camera-ready” text and photographs using an off-set method, and binding, were done by a commercial printer.

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INTRODUCTION

Introductory Narrative of Richard Dotson's Life, 1752-1847

Richard Dotson was born in Frederick County, Virginia, 1752. As a young man he moved to the southwestern part of Pennsylvania, then under Virginia's control, where he lived as a frontiersman until the end of the Revolutionary War. While there, he served in the 1774 Lord Dunmore campaign against the Indians, down the Ohio River and on to Fort Charlotte at present day Chillicothe, Ohio; while on this campaign he was undoubtedly introduced to the western section of Virginia where he later settled. He served during the Revolutionary War as a soldier defending the forts in the southwestern Pennsylvania area. Some of his older children, whose mother was Mary, were slaughtered by the Indians; their son William survived. By the conclusion of the war, Virginia had given up to Pennsylvania, her claim to the disputed territory southwest of Pittsburgh to conform with an extended Mason-Dixon line. At this time Richard removed back to Frederick County. The next several years were spent in Shenandoah, Loudoun, and Hampshire Counties, Virginia; he may have resided for a short time in the state of Maryland. His first wife Mary had died and he remarried a Mildred (Millie) Miller. Richard and his oldest son William were each enumerated as "head-of-household" during the years 1798-1799 in Hampshire County, Virginia.

Shortly after 1800, Richard brought his family to the Greenwood Area of present day Doddridge County, WV, where he built his cabin on a six hundred tract of land granted to him as assignee of a Isaac Pryon. His two older sons William and Emanuel were each given part of this tract where they established households of their own. As shown in the 1810 Federal Population Census, all three Dotsons (Richard, William and Emanuel) were enumerated separately as "head-of-household", in what was then Wood County. Shortly after 1810, Richard's second wife Millie died. He then married Naomi Villers Gregg, a widow of George Gregg who had built a mill at the JUG on Middle Island Creek near Middlebourne.

About 1820, Richard moved to Tyler County, where he acquired land by deed and grant in the Hogle Run area; this location was only a few miles northeast "across the ridge" into what was then Tyler County (now Doddridge). Richard's wife Naomi died ca. 1826-27. His son William remained in the Greenwood area; Emanuel moved to an area of Arnold Creek then in Harrison County.

By 1830 Richard, who was getting up in years by then and again a widower, had moved in with one or another of his younger sons (Joseph in Tyler or Elisha in Wood County), with whom he was shown residing in the 1830 census. The 1840 census showed him by name, as a Revolutionary War pensioner residing with his son James in Tyler County. The younger sons with whom Richard was associated in his land dealings after 1820 included Zachariah, Elisha, James, Joseph, Thomas, and Richard, Jr.

Richard died in 1847 and is buried in a marked grave in the Arnold Creek Cemetery in Doddridge County.

Chapter I

Early Pioneer Dotsons

It is not known who the parents of Richard Dotson were or from where they came.

Many stories and myths have been proposed, have appeared in print, quoted and requoted, and have therefore been given unwarranted credence by some. It is the author's conclusion that none have been adequately substantiated and that one account is actually fraudulent.¹ In order to avoid further confusion to the reader, and perpetuation of misleading information, these myths will not be repeated here, but relegated to the appendix (App. A). For those wishing to review them further, the following additional references are given.^{2, 3}

The earliest documented record of Richard Dotson's birth appears in his application filed in 1833 for a Revolutionary War Pension; a transcript of this, and associated documents, is included in a subsequent chapter. It is from this record that we must develop clues as to his parentage. This information includes the following: that (1) he was born in Frederick Co. Va. (the part now Shenandoah Co.) on October 23, 1752 and continued to reside there until he was about 20 years of age; (2) he then removed to (present day) Greene County, State of Pennsylvania, that in the year 1774 he served a tour of duty under Lord Dunmore against the western Indians; he returned to his place of residence in the State of Pennsylvania where he continued to live until after the close of the Revolutionary war; (3) after the close of the Revolution he returned to Shenandoah County, Virginia; after remaining there a few years (the precise number he cannot recollect) (4) he removed to Landon (Loudoun) County, Virginia and continued there about two years, from Landon (Loudoun) he removed to Hampshire Co., Va., where he lived about six years from thence he removed to Wood Co., Va.

From this, it is apparent that a record of his parentage, if such exists, should be found in Frederick or Shenandoah Co. Va. (Shenandoah was formed from the southern portion of Frederick in 1772, first named Dunmore, then name changed to Shenandoah in 1778); however, a search of the marriage records and wills in the Virginia State Library revealed nothing about Richard. Nor was any other information found that led to the positive identification of his parents. Richard's name, as well as the names of several other Dotson or Dodsons were found in tax and land records of these two counties during the 1750-1800 time period, some of whom were undoubtedly related to Richard. A summary and discussion of this information is included here in the hope that, with further research, it may help lead to the identification of Richard's parentage.

The earliest record of Richard was found in the personal property tax records of Shenandoah County for 1784, 1785 and 1786; other Dotson or Dodsons appearing with him during these years were Thomas, Thomas Jr., Samuel, William and Peter. A copy of

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these personal property tax lists for Dotson or Dodsons in Shenandoah County for the years 1782-1793 are shown in tabular form later in the chapter.

The following is a list of the Dotsons or Dodsons living in Shenandoah County who, by virtue of age or other circumstance, *could* have been Richard's father: (references are included):

- (1) John Dodson
- (2) Peter Dodson
- (3) Charles Dodson
- (4) Samuel Dodson
- (5) William Dodson
- (6) David Dodson
- (7) Thomas Dotson, Sr.

The pertinent available information concerning each of them, with discussion, is summarized below:

(1) John Dodson

1754: 11 Nov. John Dodson of Augusta Co. granted 260 A. in said county; where he lives on Mill Creek; adj. Mary Allen, Joseph Donhem (Donovon) (Note: this land in present day Shenandoah Co. formerly Frederick and Augusta Counties.)⁴

1756: 30 Sept. John Dodson of Augusta Co. granted 400 A. in said County including where he lives west side of Stoney Creek. (Surveyor Mr. Robt Rutherford)⁵ (For the location of Stoney Creek see map at end of chapter.)

1782-83: on Personal Property tax lists Shenandoah Co.

1784: Will book B, p.107, rec. Aug 1784; property left to wife Elizabeth, son Peter, son Charles, daughter Elizabeth, and daughter Ann; did not name Richard as heir.

In his book *The Dodson (Dotson) Family of North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia; A History and Genealogy of Their Descendants*⁶, Rev. Lucas states that John was born (of Charles Dodson, Sr.) around the early 1700's in Richmond County Virginia; married Elizabeth Goad about 1724 and died Shenandoah VA in 1784. Lucas lists John's children as; Martha Ann (m. Callendar) b. 7 Nov 1725; Charles b. 28 Aug 1726, Moses b. 12 Jan 1729; John, Jr. b. 12 Aug 1731 died young; Peter b. 22 May 1735; Elizabeth (m. Kyle) b.d.? baptized Augusta Co. Va. 1741.

As noted above he left his property to wife Elizabeth, son Peter, son Charles, daughter Elizabeth, and daughter Ann; but did not name Richard as his heir. But John had at least one other son (Moses) whom he left out of his will for reasons unknown (maybe deceased). Therefore one cannot absolutely eliminate John as a possible father of Richard on the basis of omission in his will.

Pertinent information of John's sons Peter and Charles is summarized below. While by virtue of their ages, John and his sons Peter and Charles all could possibly have been Richard's father, none appears likely to have been, since Richard was not included in any of their wills.

(2) Peter Dodson

1735: 22 May, born, son of John and Elizabeth Dodson⁷

1783-1793: on personal property tax lists Shenandoah Co.

1800: will proved; did not name Richard as heir

Lucas lists Peter Dodson's children, named in his will, as⁸: William b. late 1760's or early 1770's; Easter (Ester) b. ca 1770's m. Kyle; Joseph b. ca 1780's; Jacob b. d. ?; Ruth b. d. ?, m. Rodeheffer; Dorcas b.d. ?; and Martha b.d. ?, m. Ludwick.

Lucas comments that Peter, born in 1735, had minor children in 1800; may be an indication that he was married twice and could have had older children by an earlier marriage who were not named in his will; or that he simply married late in life. Any reader interested in this family (John, or his sons Peter and Charles) is referred to Rev. Lucas' excellent book for much additional information contained therein.

(3) Charles Dodson

b. 28 Aug 1726, d. 1797 in Greene Co., TN; son of John Dodson (above)⁹, Richmond Co. VA.; at age eleven, ordered by church wardens bound out with brother Moses, reasons unknown; was married to a Mary ———; living on Staunton River* in 1751-52 when his son John was born (John Dodson, Rev. War pension claim S 2518); in 1779, Charles was left 5 pds in his father John's will and debarred from holding or possessing any of his father's land forever.

Charles Dodson's children were: Elizabeth m. Ryan; John b. ca 1751/52 *Staunton River* in VA (Rev. Pension Appl. S2518); Jemima; Edmund b. ca 1750/60 (second son); Martha m. Roberts; Moses b. ca. 1764 d. ca. 1842; Sarah m. Kyle; Charles; Rebecca m. Mooney; and Catherine m. Hice (Hise). Note a James Hice was mentioned as being adjacent to a tract conveyed from an Elizabeth Dotson widow of James Dotson, dec'd. in a Washington (Greene) Co. Tenn. deed in 1848.¹⁰ Most of the children of Charles Dodson used the surname spelling "Dotson".

Another mention of the name *Staunton River* is made in Lucas's chapter under his John Dodson #36 (Lambeth-7, Chas-1)(Vol. 1, p. 28) where in 1782 a John Dotson signed a petition of inhabitants of Bedford Co., VA residing on the south side of *Staunton River*, seeking a new County Franklin to be created from the southern part of Bedford and the northern part of Henry counties.

*Two rivers by this name have been located in the state of Virginia:

(a) Portions of the Roanoke River are known as the Staunton River. This major river in the southwestern part of Virginia rises in the vicinity of the city of Roanoke, flows southeastward bordering the Virginia counties of Pittsylvania, Bedford, Franklin, Campbell, Charlotte and Halifax, through Mecklenburg County and on into the state of North Carolina; it empties into Albemarle Sound near Elizabeth City, NC. This river is dammed in several places.

(b) A small river in Madison County is also called Staunton River. Rising on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge Mountain, it empties into the Rapidan River near Graves Mill and the Rapidan into the Rappahannock near Fredericksburg. This Staunton River is

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shown on the US Geological Survey topographical map, Madison VA quadrangle, at coordinates of 38°26' N.-78°22'30"W.; it is about 50 miles southeast of Shenandoah County, separated by Page County.

(4) Samuel Dodson (Dotson)

1782-86: on personal property tax lists of Shenandoah Co. - one white male over 21, plus livestock (see table below)

In Wayland's *A History of Shenandoah Co. 2nd ed. 1980* p. 220, a Samuel Dodson is shown for the the year 1785 "list of Edwin Young , east side of Massanutten (Mtn.), Luray, 3 whites, 1 black." (This area on the *south* fork of the Shenandoah river is in present-day Page County; Page was formed in 1831 from parts of Shenandoah and Rockingham counties). This Samuel Dodson is obviously not the same Samuel Dotson enumerated in the same year on the personal property tax lists of Shenandoah County as shown below. No other positive information is available for identification of either of these Samuels.

A Samuel Dodson appeared in the deed books of Spotsylvania Co. relative to the estate of James Brock and wife Mary Beverley, 23 Dec 1762 noted by Lucas from Frank D. Fuller Notes¹¹; however no connection was made to the Samuel appearing on the Shenandoah personal property tax lists 1782-86 above.

In the discussion of a Samuel Dodson (son of Fortunatus), Rev. Lucas states that the whereabouts of that Samuel after the period 1753 are not known; but could that Samuel (son of Fortunatus) have been the Samuel Dodson appearing on the personal property tax lists of Shenandoah Co. for the years 1782-1786? Samuel (son of Fortunatus) was the nephew of John and Elizabeth Goad Dodson, discussed above, who were residing in Shenandoah County at that time (John died in 1784)¹²

(5) William Dotson

1748: a tax delinquent in Augusta Co.¹³

1754: chain carrier, survey on fork of Shanandoah (sic) R. Frederick Co.¹⁴

1755: French and Indian War service- Frederick Co., 24 years of age.¹⁵

1781: March court - Shenandoah Co.¹⁶

1783: August court - Shenandoah Co.¹⁷

1782-1783: personal property tax list - Shenandoah Co.

It is evident that this William Dotson b. 1731, is much too old to be the son of Peter Dodson. A search was made of the Lucas book index (Vol. II) for a William Dotson fitting the description of the William b. 1731; the result was unsuccessful in finding any *likely* matches. However the following are *possible*, should he have moved from Shenandoah County subsequent to 1784: p.1306, William Dodson, May 1791 will, Granville Co. NC, wife Frances sons William and Charles, daughter Holley; p. 1429 William Dotson Pittsylvania Co tax list 1787 and Wm. Dodson 1784-1786, 1789-1799

(6) David Dodson (Dotson)

1794: on Shenandoah county personal property tax list (1 white tithe)¹⁸

1798: his daughter Mary married Thos. Case¹⁹ (Cave)²⁰

No additional information. While possible, unlikely to be Richard's father.

Rev. Lucas²¹ identifies a David Dodson, son of George and Margaret Dagord Dodson, born probably after 1740; on 16 Aug 1794 this David and wife Elizabeth, sold 220 acres in Pittsylvania Co. Lucas speculates that then they may have gone for a while to Tennessee, later Kentucky. But might they have gone instead to Shenandoah Co. and appeared on the personal property tax list there in 1794? However, on 16 April 1798 a David Dodson sold a tract of land in Pittsylvania Co. VA to a Raleigh Dodson, Jr.²² and a David Dodson and David Dodson, Jr. both appear on the Pittsylvania county personal property tax lists as late as 1799²³. (See Thos. Dotson, Sr. below, another son of George and Margaret Dagord Dodson)

(7) Thomas Dotson, Sr.

1750: Aug. 28; added to list of tithables, Augusta Co. VA²⁴

1783-1790: personal property tax list- Shenandoah Co. listed each year with Thomas Dotson, Jr.

1791-1792: personal property tax list- Shenandoah Co.-only one Thomas Dotson listed; in 1792 levy-free (indicating advancing age)

Rev. Lucas²⁵ shows a Thomas Dodson #70, b. 25 May 1735, Richmond Co., VA (North Farnham Parish Register) son of George and Margaret Dagord Dodson. Neither their place of residence after leaving Richmond Co., VA, nor date of death have been proven. This Thomas has not been further identified; it is therefore possible that he may be the Thos. Sr. shown above. There were many confusing Thomas Dodsons; Corbari shows a Thomas Dodson (relationship and geographical location unknown) as having departed this life Nov. 21, 1740²⁶

(7a) Thomas Dotson, Jr.

While not of an age suitable to be Richard's father, he may be a relative (cousin or brother); he is presumably the son of Thomas, Sr. above.

1748: birthyear from pension appl. 1818 age 70

1783-1790: on personal property tax list with Thos. Sr.

1788: Thomas Jr. married to Catherine Gunner²⁷

1790: Thos. Jr and Catherine his wife, two deeds, Powells Fort Passage Creek, Shenandoah Co. (see map at end of chapter)

1795: deed in Shenandoah Co.

1804: daughter Esther m. Andrew Barnside²⁸

1807: daughter Polly m. to H. Knicely²⁹

1810: census Shenandoah Co. (males; 1 <10, 2 10-16, 1 16-26, 1 >45; females; 1 10-16, 1 16-26, 1 > 45)

1820: census Woodstock Shenandoah Co. (males; 1 >45; females: 1 <10, 2 26-45)

1820: Rev. War pensioner, Appl. No. S39459 granted pension on application executed 25 May 1818, age 70, while living in Shenandoah Co. VA, died 10 Apr 1835.³⁰

Two other Dodsons who served in the Rev. War from Shenandoah Co. and who might be a relative of Richard Dotson (most likely, by virtue of age, a cousin or brother) are³¹:

(1) John Dodson Claim S2518, b. 1751-52 in Va. near Staunton R.; afterwards father (Charles) moved into County of Shenandoah; entered service 1 July 1775; filed pension application 29 Nov 1820 Hawkins Co. Tenn.

(2) William Dodson S30994, b. Mar 29 1758 Shenandoah Co. Va, and while residing there enlisted 1776; allowed pension on application executed while resident of Nelson Co. KY.

In conclusion to the discussion of this chapter on pioneer Dotsons, it is apparent that no real evidence has been found that links Richard to any of the preceding six possible Dotson or Dodsons; hopefully, however, some of the information presented here may be useful in further research toward this end.

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¹ The Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr. and Mrs Sherman Williams, *The Dodson (Dotson) Family of North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia: A History and Genealogy of Their Descendants*, Vol. II (P. O. Box 738 Easley, South Carolina 29641-0738: Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1989), p. 1176-1177.

² Bertha Dotson Sellers, *The Dotson Family*. Section 1, The Ancestry of Richard Dotson according to genealogical records. (Unpublished 1974 [Source Hazel Seevers, Kansas City, Kansas] typewritten copy placed with Ritchie Co. Historical Society, Harrisville, WV), p. 1.

³ Barr Wilson, *Richard Dotson 1752-1847* (Unpublished 1983; typewritten copies placed with Ritchie County Historical Society, Ritchie County Library and Doddridge County Library), p. 1-3.

⁴ Gertrude E. Gray, compiler, *Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants*, (Baltimore Maryland ;Genealogical Publishing Co. 1988)

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⁶ The Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr. and Mrs Sherman Williams, *The Dodson (Dotson) Family of North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia: A History and Genealogy of Their Descendants*, Vol. I (P. O. Box 738 Easley, South Carolina 29641-0738: Southern Historical Press, Inc. 1989), p. 6-8.

⁷ Shirley Kirkland Guio Corbari, *The Guio-Dodson Family* (Los Gatos CA: Printed by Vasona Copy Center 1985; copy in Virginia State Library, Richmond VA), p. 43.

⁸ The Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr. and Mrs Sherman Williams, *The Dodson (Dotson) Family of North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia: A History and Genealogy of Their Descendants*, Vol. I (P. O. Box 738 Easley, South Carolina 29641-0738: Southern Historical Press, Inc. 1989), p. 25-26.

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 23.

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¹¹*Ibid.*, p. 1449.

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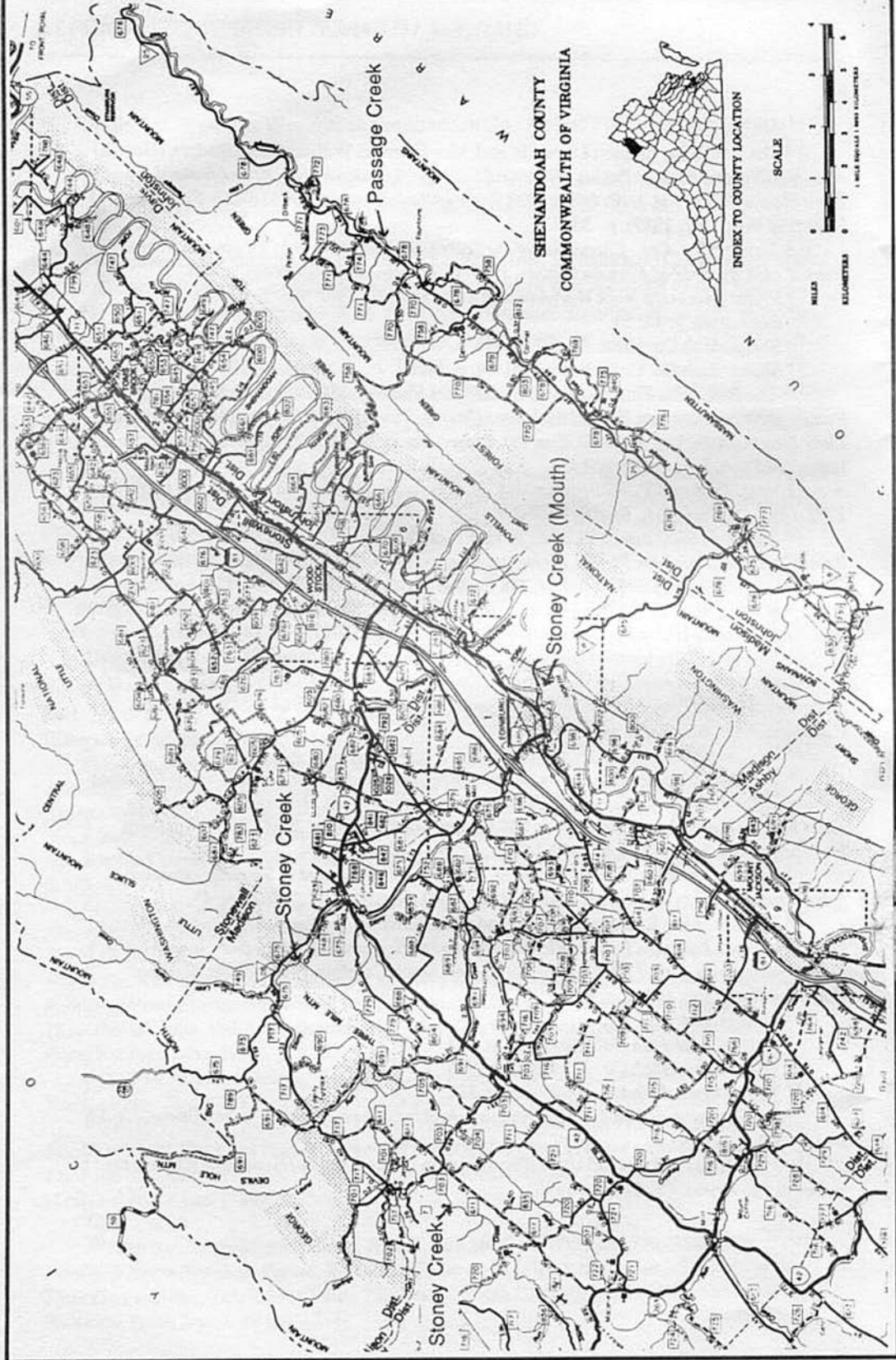
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Chapter II

Revolutionary War Service

In present day Western Pennsylvania (1777-1779)

Most of what we know about Richard Dotson, especially his military service in present day western Pennsylvania, and post-Revolutionary life until about 1800, is gleaned from his application for a pension which he filed in 1833. At the time he made application, he was living with his son James in the Deep Valley area of then Tyler County VA. A transcript of his application, other pension documents, and an account of life on the frontier are presented below:

Richard Dotson's application for a pension. No. S. 5364...Va. No. 16219.

"State of Virginia

Tyler County to wit:

On this 10th day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court before Robert Gorrell; William Bond; John D. Wells; & James G. West, Justices of the Peace, constituting the County Court of Tyler County, now sitting. Richard Dotson, a resident of said County and State of Virginia, aged 81 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he was born in Shenandoah County (now Frederick) (See editorial note below) State of Virginia and continued to reside there until he was about 20 years of age, he then removed to Greene County State of Pennsylvania, that in the year 1774 he served a tour of duty under Lord Dunmore against the western Indians, that he marched to Fort Charlotte near the place where Chillicothe now stands, in the State of Ohio, from whence he returned to his place of residence in the State of Pennsylvania where he continued to live until after the close of the Revolutionary war, that in the spring of the year 1777 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Indian Spy under Captain John Minor and served six months of that year, that in the years 1778 & 79 he also served the United States six months each year as an Indian Spy under Captain John Minor entering the service in the spring and leaving it in the fall, making in all he served as an Indian Spy the term of eighteen months or more that services consisted in watching movements of the Indians examining their trails and giving information of their approach to the settlements that he principally served in Greene and adjoining Counties, that his headquarters were at Jenkines Fort in said County of Greene and Jarard Fort about three miles from the former, that the said Captain John Minor was the commandant of these stations, that in the summer of 1777 or 8 he and four of his companions had a skirmish with about the same number of Indians, that one of his party (to wit) John Nichols was killed and one of the Indians was also killed by Richard Hall. This skirmish took place near Jarard Fort on Big Whiteley and that he has no recollection of having received a discharge. He further says that after the close of the Revolution he returned to Shenandoah County, Virginia after remaining there a few years (the precise

number he cannot recollect) he removed to Landon (Loudoun) County, Virginia and continued there about two years, from Landon (Loudoun) he removed to Hampshire Co., Va., where he lived about six years from thence he removed to Wood Co., Va., since which time he has continued to reside alternately in Wood and Tyler Counties until the present time that he now lives in said County of Tyler. He further says he has a record of his age and that he was born on the 23rd day of October 1752.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

his

RICHARD X DOTSON

mark

We, John Ripley, a clergyman, residing in the County of Tyler, State of Virginia and William Wells, residing in the same, hereby certify that he was well acquainted with Richard Dotson who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration that we believe him to be eighty one years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

John Ripley

Wm. Wells.

And the Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the war department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states and the Court further certifies that it appears to them that John Ripley, who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman residing in the County of Tyler and that William Wells who has also signed the same, is a resident of the County of Tyler, and is a creditable person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, David Hickman, Clerk of the County Court of Tyler County, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Richard Dotson for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 10th day of June 1833.

D. HICKMAN

Clerk of the County Court of Tyler County."

(Note...Frederick County was formed in 1738. Dunmore County was formed from Frederick in 1772. In 1778 the name of Dunmore County was changed to Shenandoah County, Virginia; at the time of his birth 23 Oct 1752, he would have been born in Frederick County, VA.)

Testimony of ANN REDDICK in support of Richard Dotson's Pension Application on 7 May 1833: "...age 95 on the 23rd day of last Sept...made oath that she lived during the years 1777, 1778 and 9 in Greene County State of Pa. during all which time she was well acquainted with Richard Dotson and knows that he served the United States as an Indian Spy in the years 1777, 1778 and 9 and that she believes he served six months in each of said years and that deporant and said Dotson were frequently inmates of Jenkins's Fort at the same time and further this deporant saith not."

From the State of West Virginia Department of Archives and History, Charleston, W. Va. Mrs. Roy Bird Cook, Director:

"Archives No. S.5364 Service, Virginia Virginia No. 16219.

Name of Person..... Richard Dotson.

Date and place of birth...Shenandoah Co., Va., Oct 23, 1752.

Service record...Indian Spy. 18 months under Captain John Minor.

Company or Regiment.....Virginia Militia.

Name of officers...Not given.

Battle or campaigns...Guarding and protecting frontiers Green County Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Date of enlistment...1774, 1777, 1778, 1779.

Residence before Revolution...Tyler Co., Va. (This in error...residence Greene Co., Pa., and Frederick Co., Va.)

Date of application for a pension...June 10, 1833.

Residence at the time...Tyler Co., Va.

Date of death...not on A.B. (Note...He died 1847).

Names of comrades of the soldiers who may have made affidavit in support of the soldier and his widow's claim. Their place of residence, age, or other data. Act of June 7, 1832...Rev. Ripley, William Wells and Ann Reddick signed.

Certificate issued July 18, 1833...Virginia Service, Private 18 months at \$60.00 per Annum.

His tour of service as Indian Spy were 6 months each. In one skirmish one Indian and one soldier to-wit, John Nichols, were killed. The Indian was killed by John Hall near Jarrard Fort.

Born in Shenandoah (Now Frederick) County, Virginia and resided there 20 years. Resided Greene Co., Pa., 1774. After close of war resided in Shenandoah, Loudoun, Hampshire, Wood and Tyler Co's."

Taken from *West Virginians in the Revolution*¹

"DOTSON, RICHARD VA. No. 16219 No. S. 5364

Born, Shenandoah (now Frederick) County, Virginia, Oct 23, 1752, and lived there twenty years. Resided Greene County, Pa., 1774, and after the Revolution lived in Shenandoah, Loudoun, Hampshire, Wood and Tyler Co's. In the latter of which he filed his pension application in 1833. It was issued to him, July 18, 1833."

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY,

I, L. C. White, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Wood and State of W. Va., having a seal, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be the full and true and complete photostatic copy of an original paper as presented in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this office in the City of Parkersburg, Wood County, and State of West Virginia

this 14th day of March 1957.

L. C. White

Clerk Wood County Court,
Ruby Swearingen, Deputy.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, DODDRIDGE COUNTY, SS.

BE IT KNOWN That before me, Samuel Archibald, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Richard Dotson and made oath in due form of law, that he is the identical person named in the original pension certificate in his possession, of which (I certify) that the following is a true copy. War Department Revolutionary Claim. I certify that, in conformity with the law of the United States of the 7th of June 1832, Richard Dotson of the State of Virginia who was an Indian Spy in the War of the Revolution is enlisted to receive Sixty Dollars per annum, during his natural life, commencing on the 4th day of March 1831 and payable semi-annually on the 7th day of March and the 4th day of September, in every year. Given at the war office of the United States, this 18th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Appointment of attorney for receiving pension payments:

"Know all men by these presents, That I, Richard Dotson of Doddridge County, State of Virginia, Pensioner of the United States, do hereby constitute and appoint Charles W. Russell, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name, to receive from the agent of the United States for paying pensions in Wheeling, State of Virginia, my pension from the 4th day of September 1846 to the 4th day of March 1847.
Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of March, 1847.

his

Sealed and delivered RICHARD mark DOTSON
in the presence of Samuel Archibald
Witness, James Dotson

State of Virginia, Doddridge County, SS.

Be it known, That before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Richard Dotson, the above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of attorney to be his act and deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this 5th day of March 1847

SAMUEL ARCHIBALD J.P.

State of West Virginia...Ohio County...SS

Be it known, that on the second day of April, 1847, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Charles W. Russell, the attorney in the foregoing power of attorney and made oath that the same was not given him by reason of any sale, transfer or mortgage of the pension or arrears of pension therein authorized to be received by him.

Sworn to and subscribed the C.W. Russell
day and year last above
written, before me John Roff J.P.

Last pension payment made 1847:

General Services Admn.

Nat'l. Archives & Rec. Service Washington, D.C.

Revolutionary War. (RG 217).

Military Pension Payment Files (*Portion of the pension payment file of Richard Dotson*)

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY

Wheeling, April 17, 1847.

Received of Acron Aul, Agent, for paying pensioners, Thirty Dollars -Cents, being for six months-days pension, due to Richard Dotson from the 4th day of September 1846 to the 4th day of March 1847 for which I have signed duplicate receipts.

Charles W. Russell, Att'y for Richard Dotson.

Wheeling Va., 2nd quarter 1847 Box 9 Chalk 20.

John Robb

Acting Secretary of War.

Examined and countersigned...J.L. Edwards...Commissioner of Pensions. That he now resides in Doddridge County, Va. and has resided there for the space of two years past, and that previous thereto he resided in Tyler County, State of Virginia.

Sworn and subscribed this 5th day of March 1847 before me, Samuel Archibald J.P.

James Dotson

his

RICHARD X DOTSON

mark

Pensioner

INDIANS ATTACK THE SMITH HOME ("It was a bad year").

The following article was taken from "AWHILE AGO TIMES" published by Glenn Lough, Fairmont, W.Va. This was an Historical Newspaper of the upper Monongahela Valley. No date but it was during the 1970's.

What follows was said to have been dictated to Joseph H. Powell by James Morgan, a son of Col. Zackwell Morgan on James' birthday in 1850. James was then eighty years old. Powell said he wrote the story as James told it, using James' own words.

"Seventeen and seventy-nine was the year my father moved his family from the house where I was born to Decker's Creek. I was nine then, being born in 1770. I went along with the years. Father sold his home- stead land where Rivesville now is, in four parcels. I forgot who the buyers were. I remember John and William Merrill got pieces. I think Bob Sgarer (Shearer) got some. Father owned about 2500 acres there, joining Henry Batten at Longwell Spring Run.

Everybody asks me where Longwell Spring Run was. This name for that little dreen seems to be lost. It was the first dreen that emptied into the river below Pharoahs Run. At first father had all the land around there. Then he sold Mr. Duthett (Deuther) a parcel and Duthett didn't pay and he sold the same piece to Casper Bunner. He let Uncle Dave (Morgan) have a thousand acres for moving here from Pennsylvania and Uncle Dave took up a lot besides, in his own right after he moved in. Father let Matty Hoult (Matthew Hoult) have about four hundred acres. The Merrills got their first land here from father and Uncle Dave. There was some blood tie with the Merrills that began in Delaware.

I've heard Uncle Dave say that William Merrill married a Morgan, cousin of ours. She's the woman that settled the hash for those Indians in Nelson County (Kentucky). I

was to visit them once. They always called her “Miff” and to save my life, I can’t recall her given name. I’ve asked other Morgans, but nearly all the old Morgans are gone, and the coming on Morgans don’t remember nothing. The year we moved in late

February or early March, onto the Lemaster land at Decker’s Creek (Morgantown) was a bad year. Uncle Dave fought the Indians that year, April thirteenth, I think it was. It was about a month later, those dirty beggers tried to get Steve and Sally (David Morgan’s children).

Father and the Cochrans and the Evanses and others built our blockhouse on the first rise below Decker’s Creek, and that was our new home. Every body called it “Morgan’s Fort,” but it was just a big log house with peep holes in the walls to see and shoot from.

Just before we moved to Decker’s Creek, John Bozarth and family went down to Cheat river to visit Mrs. Bozarth’s sister’s family, named Smith. The Bozarth’s first owned the land where Fairmont is. They sold out to Tom Barnes and moved to the head of the West Fork River, but John’s family still lived on their Fairmont land in the year I’m telling about, 1779. The bad year for all of us around. George, John’s boy, and I were good friends. Mrs. Bozarth was there at Smith’s when the Indians raided on Cheat. I heard Uncle Dave say, there was about thirty of them, broken into little bunches. Jacob Prickett had a brother settled in that country, and his boy, Elias, was at the Smith’s that day. He was about twenty years old, I think.

The children were playing outside right after dinner, and yelled that the Indians were coming. Elias Prickett ran outside and was shot in the hip. He fell back into the door. The Indians ran inside. Dick

(Richard) Dotson was in there, and he jumped the Indian and threw him down on the floor, yelling for something to kill him with. Mrs. Bozarth picked up an ax and chopped open the Indian’s head. Another Indian ran in yelling and shot Dick Dotson. It’s been in the papers and in books, that Dotson was killed, but he wasn’t. Its been in the papers and books that the Bozarth’s lived on Dunkard Creek, but they didn’t. Just like Uncle Dave’s fight with the Indians here, a pack of lies has been told and printed about the trouble there on Cheat.

Mrs. Bozarth hit the Indian that shot Dotson, in the head and knocked him down and chopped his belly open and his entrails went dragging after him as he crawled out of the cabin. One of the Indians that was helping his friends murder the children in the yard, ran to help the hurt one and Mrs. Bozarth axed him, splitting his head open to the chin.

Elias Prickett became conscious and got a gun and ran to the door and shot at the Indians, who were then running for the woods. If he did any damage, it wasn’t known. I have read stories that say that the people stayed shut up in the house with the dead Indians and Dick Dotson for several days, but this isn’t true. The house was relieved within an hour. I’ve heard Uncle Dave and Jacob Prickett say, and John Ice was with those that relieved it, and helped bury the dead children of the Smiths, Dotsons and Bozarth’s, six in all.”

The given name of Mrs. Bozarth, who killed the Indians, was Experience. She was a Bozarth before marriage.

From the foregoing documentation and accounts, it may be concluded that Richard (1) was born in then Frederick County Virginia on Oct 23, 1752, and that he stayed there until he was about twenty (1772); (2) he then removed to the vicinity of present day Greene

County Pennsylvania and continued to reside there until after the end of the Revolutionary War (1782); (3) while residing in present day Pennsylvania, he served in the army of Lord Dunmore in the year 1774 in the war against the western Indians and in which he participated in the march to Fort Charlotte, present day Chillicothe, Ohio; (4) in the years 1777, 1778 and 1779 he served the Revolutionary Cause as an Indian Spy for six summer months each year, under the command of Captain John Minor, commandant of Fort Jenkins and Fort Garard; these forts were located on the river Big Whiteley, an eastward flowing tributary of the Monongahela River. (See map below)

Records of his children born during this time period include the following:

(1) William Dotson (Sr.) - Chapter V

William Dotson (Sr.) death record in Doddridge County.²

Wm. Sr. parents given as Richard and *Mary* Dotson; information by Richard's grandson William C. (B) Where born; Hampshire Co age; 88 yr. 7 mo. Date of death Jan (or June) 1865

(2) Nancy Dotson - Chapter VI.

From the foregoing information, it is concluded that the following is probably correct;

a. Richard's marriage to Mary____, prior to 1775; based on William Dotson's death record, indicating William's birthyear to be 1776

b. William Dotson (Sr.) born 1775 or 1776 in Greene County, Pa. or Hampshire County Virginia.

c. Other children probably born but killed by Indians; number, names and birth-years unknown.

d. Nancy Dotson born ____.

Contradictory information in the above is William (Sr.'s) birthplace of Hampshire County in 1776 according to his death record of 1865; also census of 1860 gives his birthplace as Virginia; but he should have been born in Greene county, western Pennsylvania according to Richard's pension application of 1833 and the census of 1850 listing William's birthplace as Pennsylvania. See Chapter V.

Notes: Chapter 2

¹ Ross B. Johnston, ed. *West Virginians in the American Revolution* (Excerpted from *West Virginia History* Vol. I, Oct 1939-Vol. IX, Oct 1947; Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1977)

² Index and Register of Deaths-Doddridge County WV (index p. 170 LDS film 838 196) Bk. 3 p. 8 (LDS film 838 195)

Topographical Map showing Location of Garards Fort
Greene Co. PA

Chapter III

Post Revolutionary War Period (to 1800)

Most of the information about Richard Dotson's life during this period (ca. 1783-1800) comes from his Rev. War Pension application which he filed in 1833 and was transcribed previously:

".....(3) after the close of the Revolution he returned to Shenandoah County, Virginia. After remaining there a few years (the precise number he cannot recollect) (4) he removed to Landon (Loudoun) County, Virginia and continued there about two years, from Landon (Loudoun) he removed to Hampshire Co., Va., where he lived about six years from thence he removed to Wood Co., Va."

The Revolutionary War closed with the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781; assuming that he moved back to Shenandoah County (the part which was formerly Frederick prior to 1772) in 1783 or 1784, then remained there for four to six years, his move to Loudon would have been between 1787 and 1790; then after two years in Loudoun, his move to Hampshire would have been in 1789 to 1792; after six years in Hampshire his move to Wood County would have been in 1795 to 1798. But as shown below, he was taxed in Hampshire through at least 1799.

Corroborating information found on Richard Dotson during this time period has been scanty and sometimes contradictory, as indicated below:

On the positive side, the personal property tax records of Shenandoah County for 1784, 1785 and 1786 shows Richard Dotson for those three years.

To date, the tax records and/or enumeration of Loudoun County have not been thoroughly researched for Richard Dotson.

He was enumerated in the Hampshire County Personal Property Tax Lists (1782-1799)¹ in the years 1795, 1797, 1798, and 1799.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS (1782-1799)

1795: tax collected Jul 21:

Dotson, Richard..N/A.....1, NA, 0, 1, N/A

1797: tax collected May 24

Dodson, Richard..N/A....1, NA, 0, 1, N/A

1798: tax collected Jun 2

Dodson, Richard alleg.. N/A.....2, NA, 0, 2, N/A

Dodson, William..N/A....1, NA, 0, 1, N/A

1799: tax collected May 17

Dodson, Richard..N/A....1, NA, 0, 2, N/A

Dodson, William..N/A....1, NA, 0, 1, N/A

Key: Line arranged in order; Surname, Given Name..WM>21....T1,T2, S, H, C.

Abbrev. : WM>21 = Names of white men over 21 other than the taxpayer.

NA or N/A = not available. S= slave. H= Horses. C= Cattle.

T1 and T2 are white tithes. T1 =white men above age 16 (1782, 1788-1799); T2= N/A (for 1782, 1788-1799)

“alleg.” for year 1798 is cryptic descriptor concerning location or personal characteristic added by tax man (meaning not interpreted).

The first record of Richard Dotson’s land holdings in Wood County was in 1801 when he purchased 250 acres from Joseph Spencer at Toll Gate; then in 1803 Richard and his wife Amelia sold it to John Marsh.²

Records of his children born during this post - Revolutionary time period include the following:

(1) Emanuel Dotson (Sr.)

..... marriage to Mary Reddick, marriage bond record, signed by Richard Dodson, 1804,”he is of age” that is, over twenty or twenty-one years (Chapter VII).This would make Emanuel Dotson (Sr.) birthyear ca. 1784.

(2) Richard Dotson, Jr. b. 1792-1794 (Photo Chap. XII, ‘Richard Dotson, Uncle Dick, was born in 1794; Uncle Zack’s half-brother’) 1850 Census age 56 b. Va., 1860 Census age 68 b. Va., 1870 Census age 76 b. Va. Richard, Jr. married Margaret White 2 Sept 1810 Harrison Co. by Hamilton Goss; was probably not living at home at time of 1810 census on Nov. 23.

(3) James Dotson, b. 1792-1797 1850 Census age 53 b. Va., 1860 Census age 64 b. Va. Index and Register of Deaths-Doddridge County WV³ "James Dotson's father given as Richard, mother not listed; Date of death 12 Apr 1869; Age 76yr 8mo 5da; where born; Pennsylvania, information by M. Dotson, son"

The mother of the three children listed above was probably Mary; those below, Amelia (Millie) Miller.

(4) Elisha Dotson, b. 1795 1850 Census age 55 b. Va

(5) Joseph Dotson, b. ca. 1796

(6) Zachariah Dotson b. 1797-1800 (Photo Chap. XII ‘..Uncle Zack, as he was called was born in 1797, as near as we know,....’) 1850 Census age 52 b. Md. 1860 Census age 61 b. Va., headstone in Greenwood Cemetery d. July 23, 1863 age 63 yrs. (Chap. XII)

Notes: Chapter 3

¹ *Hampshire County, [West] Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799* (P. O. Box 403369 Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369: T. L. C. Genealogy 1990)

² James M Dotson , *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865) in Present Day Counties of Ritchie-Doddridge-Tyler West Virginia* (1988), p. 5.

³ Index and Register of Deaths-Doddridge County WV (index p.170 LDS film 838 196) Bk. 3 p. 16 line 8.

Chapter IV

Later Years in Western Virginia (1800 - 1847)

Sources of information about Richard Dotson during this latter period of his life include his pension application filed in 1833; census records (1810, 1820, 1830, and 1840); his and his children's land records in the counties of Wood, Tyler, Doddridge and Ritchie; other court-house records; county and family histories. When compared to the two earlier periods of his life (Chapters II and III), documentation of this latter period is much more abundant but of course not as complete as one would like it to be.

The portion of his pension application applicable to this period is:

".....he removed to Wood Co., Va., since which time he has continued to reside alternately in Wood and Tyler Counties until the present time that he now lives in said County of Tyler". (1833) (Other pension record information is transcribed in Chapter II.)

A thumb-nail outline of his life during this period may be helpful before presenting further documentation:

ca. 1800 Moved from Hampshire Co. Va., or state of Maryland, to the Greenwood area of present day Doddridge County, WV; bringing with him his second wife Amelia 'Millie' Miller and several children.

ca. 1810-1811 His wife Millie died. (census of 1810, one female age *over 45*; census of 1820, one female age 26-45) (note age change for female between 1810 and 1820)

ca. 1812 He married his third wife Naomi Villers Gregg (widow of George Gregg)

ca. 1820 He moved to Tyler county.

1825-1830 His wife Naomi died; he moved in with one of his sons, Joseph in Tyler, or Elisha in Wood County, perhaps alternately..

1833 Filed for his Revolutionary War pension.

1840 Living with his son James in the Arnold Creek, Deep Valley section of Tyler County

1847 Died, buried in a marked grave in the Arnold Creek Cemetery, present day Doddridge Co. WV

Hardesty, writing in 1883, in his history of Doddridge County, Central District¹ states:

"The first settler was Richard Dotson, who entered 600 acres of land, and in 1802 built his cabin near where Thomas Scott now resides. His earliest neighbors were James Scott, Nathan Davis, the Arnolds (Arnold), Lottridges, Haltermans, Ruddecks and Fergusons. The first white child born in the district was Ruth Dotson, a daughter of Richard and Millie Dotson.....First religious discourse...1808 at house of Richard Dotson..."

The culmination of an extensive land search for this 600 acre parcel by the author, concluded that its location was on Dotson Run in Doddridge County; that the location of Thomas Scott's residence ('near where Richard Dotson built his cabin on this 600 acre

parcel in 1802') was on land given to him by his brother-in-law John Dotson ca. 1850, and presently (1987) is land known as Parcel No. 17-007 (Johanna Rhinesmith) and Parcel 17-009.1 (Callie Dotson) on old US 50 in the town of Greenwood. The 600 acre parcel was acquired in two 300 acre units, through successive assignments from William Lowther to an Isaac Pryon to Richard. The original Land Office Treasury Warrant No. 2721 Dated October 17, 1787, was to Lowther. The two 300 acre parcels were surveyed at the same time March 24, 1803; the grants were issued 22 Aug 1804, one to Pryon, the other to Richard directly. The results of this land research were published by the author (James M. Dotson) in Oct 1988 as *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865) in Present Day Counties of Ritchie-Doddridge-Tyler West Virginia*.² Reference should be made to this publication for details of this search, as well as other land and genealogical information which will be cited in this book.

The first land acquired by Richard Dotson in then Wood County was by deed for 250 acres on Hughes River from a Joseph Spencer et al. to Richard Dodson on 7 Sept 1801; purchase price was \$250. (Wood County, Deed Book 1, p. 134). Less than two years later he sold this parcel to James Marsh for \$500; (Wood Co. Deed Bk. 1, p. 271 James Marsh from Richard and Amelia Dodson of Wood County, deed dated 6 June 1803). The grantor's names on this deed confirm the identity of Richard's wife as Amelia (Millie). It is improbable that he resided on this parcel, but instead built his cabin on the 600 acre parcel on first coming to this area. Hardesty says 1802; this seems about right, based on a survey of the 600 acres in March 1803, and considering the turmoil and time delays encountered in processing land claims at that time on the western frontier. His purchase of the 250 acre parcel from Joseph Spencer in 1801 indicates that he may have arrived in 1801 or perhaps a year earlier.

No subsequent land records involving Richard Dotson were found until 27 March 1810, when he deeded (for one dollar) seventy-seven acres each to his two sons William and Emanuel; these parcels were for adjacent portions of his 600 acre tract. These deeds were recorded two years later in 1812 (April term Wood Co. Court) Deed Book 4, p. 370 Emanuel Dotson from Richard Dotson, both of Wood Co.; and Deed Book 4, p. 353, William Dotson from Richard Dotson. (Note Richard Dotson alone signed these deeds on 27 March 1810). (Note: the Richard, Emanuel and William Dotson here are later referred to as 'Sr.' in subsequent chapters to distinguish them from later off-spring with the same given name.)

The census of 1810³ shows only three Dotsons in Wood Co., Virginia as heads of households; Richard, Emanuel and William.

Richard's household in 1810 consisted of: Free White Males; 3 under 10 years, 1 10-16 years, 1 16-26 years, 1 45 and over; Free White Females; 2 under 10 years, 1 45 and over.

This would mean a family consisting of Richard (b. prior to 1765); Amelia (b. prior to 1765); five boys and two girls. Of the boys, one was born between 1784 and 1794; one b. between 1794 and 1800; three b. between 1800 and 1810; and the two girls b. between 1800 and 1810.

The likely names of the children are:

(1) Richard Dotson, Jr. b. 1792-1794 (Photo Chap. XII; 'Richard Dotson, Uncle Dick, was born in 1794; Uncle Zack's half-brother') 1850 Census age 56 b. Va., 1860 Census age 68 b. Va. 1870 Census age 76 b. Va. (Richard, Jr. married Margaret White 2 Sept 1810

Harrison Co. by Hamilton Goss; probably not living at home at time of 1810 census on Nov 23)

(2) James Dotson, b. 1792-1797 1850 Census age 53 b. Va., 1860 Census age 64 b. Va. Index and Register of Deaths- Doddridge County WV⁴; James Dotson's father given as Richard, mother not listed. Date of death 12 April 1869; Age 76yr 8mo 5da; where born; Pennsylvania, information by M. Dotson, son.

(3) Elisha Dotson, b. 1795; 1850 Census age 55 b. Va

(4) Joseph Dotson, b. ca.1796

(5) Zachariah Dotson b.1797-1799 (Photo Chap. XII; '..Uncle Zack, as he was called was born in 1797, as near as we know,....' 1850 Census age 52 b. Md. 1860 Census age 61 b. Va.

(6) Margaret (Peg) Dotson b. 1801; 1850 Census Harrison Co. Margaret Britton age 49 b. Maryland

(7) Thomas Dotson b. 1802 (Headstone in Buck Run Cemetery 'Died 28 Dec 1847 in the 45th year of his life.')

(8) Ruth Dotson b. ca. 1803 (Hardesty 'first white child born in Central District, Doddridge Co.' after Richard settled there in 1802)

Sometime after the census of 1810 was taken, Amelia died and Richard married Naomi Villers Gregg, widow of George Gregg.

George Gregg m. Naomi Villers, ca. 1800. Information suggests that the Naomi Villers, named above, was Eleanor Villers (single), a daughter of John Villers. Her daughter, Mary Villers, b. 1894-1800, mentioned in the will of George Gregg, is an illegitimate daughter. John Villers resided in the vicinity of the "JUG" in Tyler County.

Additional information is contained in *The Gregg Family*⁵, especially the added information beginning on page 65.

George Gregg died in March 1810. This line from his will, *the land I live on during her natural life*. This means that Naomi Villers Gregg was willed a lifetime interest in the home and land in the vicinity of the JUG. The sale of his estate did not pay his debts, but she may have retained her lifetime interest in the land. Her father, John Villers, lived neighbor. Naomi Gregg may have continued to live on George Gregg land or on her father's land.

Sometime ca 1812, Naomi Villers Gregg became the third wife of Richard Dotson. They may have lived for a time in the vicinity of the JUG, or resided on his property in Wood County. The latter is most probable based on (1) his census enumeration in Wood County in 1820, and (2) the deed of 1819 cited below for 100 acres in Greenwood described as "a part of 300 acre tract *now occupied* by Richard Dotson".

After giving his sons William and Emanuel each 77 acres of his 600 acre tract in 1810, Richard Dotson sold the remainder of this land through the following three deeds:

(1) The easternmost 300 acre part of his 600 acre tract (the part extending eastward from Greenwood to Duckworth) was conveyed to William White in a deed dated 23 Feb 1819 from Richard and Neami Dotson; recorded 1819 in Wood Co. Deed Book 6, p. 10; deed signed by Neami; signed by Richard by his mark.

(2) In a deed dated 29 June 1819, recorded 1826 in Wood Co. Deed Book 6, p. 628, 55 acres to John Garner, from Richard, Sr. and Neomi Dotson of Wood County;

acknowledged by magistrate same day (29 June 1819), both Richard and Neomi; signed by mark by Richard only. This parcel described as “a part of 300 acre tract *now occupied* by Richard Dotson”; this 55 acre parcel was the westernmost part of the 600 acre tract, that is, closest to Toll Gate; Richard did not however live on this 55 acre portion.

(3) In a deed dated 29 Dec 1827, from Richard Dotson of Wood County, the remainder of the 600 acre tract was conveyed to John Keeney; recorded in 1827 Wood Co. Deed Book 7, p. 103; it was described as “...lying in Wood Co. on the state road being the same on which Richard Dotson *heretofore resided* and supposed to contain 100 acres being rest and residue of a tract of 300 acres patented.” Deed was signed by mark by Richard only.

This 100 acre portion of his 600 acre tract overlays present day Greenwood and is the location on which he built his cabin in 1802.

Another land acquisition by Richard Dotson in this area was by grant for a one-half share of a 200 acre tract in then Wood County eastward of, and partially adjoining, his 600 acre tract in the Duckworth area. It straddled the county line between Wood and Tyler counties which followed the ridge forming the watershed between drainage to the North Fork of Hughes River on the west and Arnold Creek on the east.

1817 Wood Co. Land Grant Vol. 1 p. 201 Comm. of Va. to Hedgman Triplett for one moiety (one half), and Richard Dotson assignee of said Triplett for the other moiety, 200 a. Wood Co. Exchange Treas. Warrant No. 2208 issued 3 Nov 1814; survey 28 Oct 1816; grant issued 1 Aug 1817.

Richard sold all of this tract, conveyed by two deeds:

(1) Western half in Wood Co.: 1831 Wood Co. Deed Book 8 p. 96 John Griggs from Richard Dotson of Wood Co., 100 a. for \$10 on run drain of N. F. Hughes River; deed dated 19 April 1830 and signed by Richard (only) by his mark.

This 100 acre tract was later conveyed in 1834 by Griggs (Gregg) to Richard Sr.’s grand-son John Dotson and wife Mahala, then to Richard, Sr.’s son Elisha Dotson in 1845 and who was living on it at that time.

(2) Eastern half in Tyler Co.; in a deed dated 19 Nov 1838, Richard Dotson (of Tyler Co.) conveyed the eastern 100 acres to his son Zachariah Dotson (of Tyler Co.), 1838 Tyler Co. Deed Book 7 p. 149, deed signed by Richard (only) by his mark.

About 1820, concurrent with the disposal of his land in Wood County, Richard became interested in acquiring land “across the ridge” in Tyler County. However, before presenting the Tyler county land information let us look at the 1820 census. We find Richard enumerated in Wood County, Va. (Reel No. 138 page 184) along with his sons Elisha and William.

Richard Dotson, head of household: Free white males; 1 age 45 and over, 2 age 10-16; free white females; 1 age 26-45, 2 age 16-26, 1 age 10-16, and 2 under 10.

This family consisted of Richard b. before 1875; 2 boys b. 1804-1810; Naomi b. 1775-1794, two girls b. 1794-1804, one girl b. 1804-1810 and 2 girls b. 1810-1820.

All of his sons shown previously in the 1810 census (including Thomas b. 1802) had evidently left home by 1820.

Neither of the boys b. 1804-1810 fit exactly the ages of the two sons of Richard attributed to him from other sources.

Michael b. 1812-1815 (in the Greenwood Cemetery, b. 1812...died 30 Nov 1851) and

(the 1850 Census of Doddridge Co. Dotson, Michael age 35 years) (in the 1840 census of Harrison Co. Michael Dotson, head of household, 1 male 20-30 yr. 1 male under 5; 1 female 20-30 yrs., 1 female under 5). Michael later settled on Leeson Run, near Greenwood.

The other son possibly is Lewis Dotson, b. ca 1819 (Marriage in Tyler Co. 30 May 1844...Lewis Dotson and Margaret Bobbins by Jacob Yeater). Note: Relationship of Lewis to Richard is questionable; Lewis does not show in Census Index for Virginia (or West Virginia) for years 1850, 1860 or 1870; he is therefore relegated to Appendix E "Unplaced Dotsons".

Or one son in the 10-16 age group may have been Thomas b. 1802.

The probable names of the girls b. 1794-1804 are:

(1) Margaret (Peg) Dotson b. 1801; 1850 Census Harrison Co. Margaret Britton age 49 b. Maryland

(2) Ruth Dotson b. 1803. From Hardesty above, 'first white child born in Central District, Doddridge Co., a daughter of Richard and Millie Dotson.'

No known daughter fits the age group 10-16, with corresponding birth years 1804-1810.

Of the two girls in the age group under 10 years (b. 1810-1820), one undoubtedly was Naomi b. 1816; the other was probably Lydia, although her birthyear from the 1850 census, age 28, would have been 1822. Another possibility is Ann, but there is insufficient evidence to show that she was a daughter of Richard and Naomi. (See Appendix E, Unplaced Dotsons)

Naomi Dotson, b. Jan 16, 1816 [1850 census of Doddridge Co. Naomi Williams age 33 wife of John Williams age 32; Ritchie Death record (Vol.3, p.36) Naomi Williams, female, died 18 March 1882; parents *Richard* Dotson and Naoma Dotson.

Lydia Dotson, b. 1822 (from age 28 in 1850 census) would not have been born prior to the 1820 census assuming her age of 28 in the 1850 census is correct; however, realizing the uncertainty of ages given in the census of that time, this child was probably Lydia.

The three known children of Richard Dotson and Naomi Villers Gregg were:

(1) Michael Dotson, b. 1812

(2) Naomi Dotson, b. 1816

(3) Lydia Dotson, b. 1822

A land acquisition by Richard in Wood County was on the North Fork Hughes River in 1821 (now Ritchie Co.). 1821 Wood Co. Land Grant Vol. 1 p. 250 Comm. of Va. to Richard Dotson 100 a. 'head of drain of Long Run' Treas. Warrant No 6356 issued 3 Sept 1818; survey 7 April 1820; grant issued 15 June 1821

Disposition of this 100 a. tract of land bordering George Richards Sr.'s tract (west of Pennsboro) was by deed of conveyance to Edmund Taylor (of Ritchie Co.) from Richard Dotson, Senior (of Tyler Co.) for \$10; deed dated 19 Nov 1843 (Ritchie Co. Deed Book 1 p. 379) acknowledged personally by his mark Richard Dotson Sen. Nov 1843 before Justices of the Peace of Tyler Co. to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the same to the Clerk of the County Court of Ritchie; presented in Ritchie Co. Clerks office 6 Jan 1846 and admitted to record.

Note; this deed in Nov 1843 was the last recorded land transaction by Richard Dotson,

Sr. who died in 1847.

Land Acquisitions in Tyler County:

In a deed dated 12 April 1819, Richard Dodson (of Tyler Co.) acquired 300 a. on Long Run of Arnold Creek branch of Middle Island (1819 Tyler Co. Deed Book 1 page 297)

Then on 17 April 1819, he resold 70 acres of this tract to his son James Dodson (of Tyler Co.) from Richard Dodson (of Wood Co.) (1819 Tyler Co. Deed Book 1 p. 298,)

The remaining 230 acres was conveyed in a deed dated 21 Feb 1825 by Richard Dotson and Naomi Dotson (of Tyler Co.) to William Hugill (1825 Tyler Co. Deed Book 2 p. 106). The location of this tract is on Hugle Run, an eastward flowing branch of Long Run, of Arnold Creek, of Middle Island Creek, of the Ohio River. The genealogical significance of this deed is that this was the last deed signed by Naomi; this establishes her death date at between 1825 and 1830. [1830 census shows a male (70-80 years , of Richard's age) living with both his son Joseph in Tyler and also his son Elisha in Wood]

It is presumed that Richard and Naoma built a cabin and lived on this property, adjacent to his son James, until Richard and Naomi sold it in 1825. However, his wife Naomi, a widow of George Gregg (miller), had been willed a life-time interest in property at the JUG near Middlebourne; they may have resided there all or part of the period from ca. 1820 until after her death 1825-1830.

In 1821, Richard Dotson was granted 50 a. on Long Run [1821 Tyler Co. Land Grant Vol. 1 p. 72 Comm. of Va. to Richard Dotson 50 a. 'on Long Run of Arnold Creek a branch of Middle Island Creek Treas. Warrant No. 6103 issued 6 Dec 1817; survey 5 May 1820 grant issued June 1821]

Richard sold these 50 acres to Robert Patrick in a deed dated 5 Sept 1822 [1822 Tyler Co. Deed book 1 p. 410 Robert Patrick from Richard Dotson (of Tyler Co.)] Note: This 50 acre parcel was adjacent to his 300 acre tract which he purchased from William Wells in April 1819.

Abstracts of Court Records in Tyler County Referencing Richard Dotson:

The Tyler County Minute and Order Books from 1815-1840 contained the following entries;

March Court 1823; Commonwealth Plf. against David Hickman Def., upon an indictment of assault and battery. Jury; Lesse Frazure, James Birkland, Ralph Gorrell, Eli Wells, David Hanes, Hohn Smith, Israel White, Uriah Morgan, John Steed and *Richard Dotson*.

October Court 1823; Ordered that Daniel Wells, William Wells, *Richard Dotson*, and David Hickman or any three of them after having been first sworn do appraise the personal property of Geo.. Gregg decd. and report to Court.

December 1823 Court; *Richard Dotson* Plf. vs. John Steed and Thos. Inghram Defs. upon a motion upon a forthcoming bond; case continued through January and February to March Court 1824.; motion quashed and defendants to recover Court costs.

June Court (16th June) 1824; grand jury members.....*Richard Dotson*

June Court 1824; Settlement of County Claims; *Richard Dotson* for team impressed on highway \$2.50.

March 1825 Court; A deed from *Richard Dotson* to William Hugill for 230 acres of

land on the Long Run of Arnold Creek was presented in court and ordered to be recorded together with the certificate annexed.

No additional entries naming Richard Dotson were found.

1830 Census

In Tyler County, a Richard Dodson was enumerated as head of family; however as the oldest free white male was in the 40-50 year old age group this was not Richard, Sr. but his son Richard, Jr. On an adjacent line (page 169 Western Division allotted to Joshua Rupell) a Joseph Dodson was listed;

Free white males; 1 70-80, 1 30-40, 1 5-10, 1 under 5; free white females; 1 30-40, 1 5-10, 1 under 5. It must be assumed that the 70-80 year of male was Richard, Sr.

In Wood County, a male in the 70-80 year group also appeared in his son Elisha Dotson's family; Free white males; 1 70-80, 1 30-40, 1 15-20, 2 5-10, 1 under 5; free white females; 1 30-40, 1 10-15, 1 5-10. It is likely that this elderly man was Richard, Sr., mistakenly counted in both house-holds.

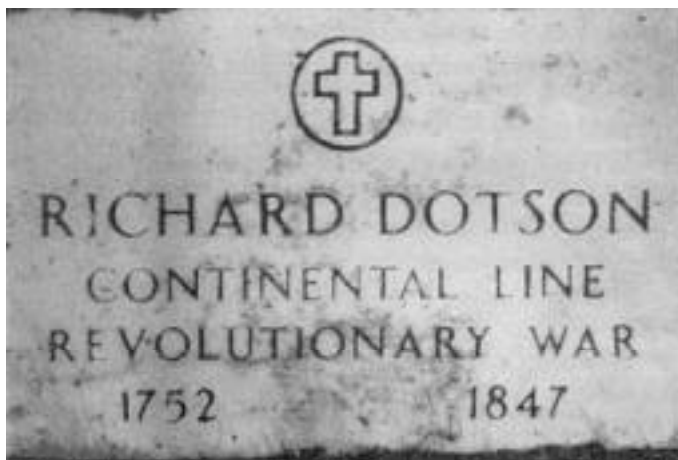
1840 Census

In the 1840 census for Tyler County, James Dotson Head of Family: Free white males; 1 80-90 with the notation "Richard Dotson 88 Rev. War pensioner", 1 40-50, 1 15-20, 1 5-10, 2 under 5; free white females; 1 40-50, 1 10-15, 2 5-10, 1 under 5.

As transcribed earlier in this chapter, Richard's last land transaction was a deed of conveyance in Nov 1843 for 100 acres in Ritchie County to Edmund Taylor (of Ritchie Co.) from Richard Dotson, Senior (of Tyler Co.) for \$10; this deed was dated 19 Nov 1843 and acknowledged personally by his mark Richard Dotson Sen., Nov 1843 before Justices of the Peace of Tyler Co.

No further records of Richard Dotson were found until 1847, when he appointed Charles W. Russell his attorney for receiving his pension payment for the six months prior to 4 March 1847. (Transcription in preceding chapter) This was Richard's last pension payment. He died that year, and was buried in the Arnold Creek Cemetery in Doddridge County. His grave was placed beside that of his son Joseph (Chapter 10), who preceded him in death.

A great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. Gladys Pearl Cyphers Wilson, secured Richard Dotson's Revolutionary War monument and had it placed at his grave in the Arnold Creek Cemetery in 1982. Mrs. Wilson's address (1982); Route No. 2 Box 14, Fairmont, W. Va. 26554.



**Richard Dotson's Revolutionary War Monument
Arnold Creek Cemetery, Doddridge County, West Virginia**

Notes: Chapter 4

¹ H. H. Hardesty, *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, Maps and Histories of Ritchie and Doddridge Co's., W. Va.*, 1883; reprinted as Hardesty's *West Virginia Counties*; *Doddridge Marion Upshur Wetzel* Vol. 2, and *Gilmer Ritchie Lincoln Wayne* Vol. 7. (Richwood, W. Va. Jim Comstock, 1973), Vol. 2, p. 13.

² James M. Dotson, *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865) in Present Day Counties of Ritchie-Doddridge-Tyler West Virginia* (Danville, CA: James M. Dotson 1988)

³ Census of 1810 Wood Co. Virginia, (signed by Jonas Beeson Nov 23, 1810, total Wood Co. 3036, Reel #71, p. 19)

⁴ Index and Register of Deaths-Doddridge WV; index p. 170 (LDS film 838196) Bk. 3 p.16

⁵ Barr Wilson, *The Gregg Family* (Unpublished 1980; typewritten copies placed in Ritchie Co. Library, Harrisville, W. Va. and Doddridge Co. Library, West Union, W. Va.)

Chapter V

William Dotson, Sr.

William Dotson, Sr. was born in 1775 or 1776, either in Greene County, Pennsylvania, or Hampshire County, Virginia. The 1775 birthyear is supported by both the 1850 and 1860 census in which his age was listed as 75 and 85 respectively; his place of birth was given as Pennsylvania in the 1850 census, Virginia in the 1860 census. From his age of 88 years 7 months at death on 8 Jan 1865, as given in the Doddridge County Death Register his birthmonth and birthyear would be June, 1776. This Register (Vol. 3, Page 8) listed his birthplace as Hampshire Co. Va. , parents Richard and *Mary* Dotson; information was given by his son William C. (B) Dotson.

One can only speculate as to which of the listed birth-places, Hampshire County, Virginia or Greene Co. Pennsylvania, is correct on the basis of conflicting data. In his pension application, his father Richard stated that he removed from Shenandoah County, Va. to Greene County Pa. in 1774 and served that same year in the Dunmore War; he also served in the Revolutionary War defending forts in Greene County, during the years 1777, 1778 and 1779. At that time, this area was under the jurisdiction and control of Virginia. It should also be noted that Hampshire County, during those years, was much larger than today, encompassing present day Mineral County, WV and much of western Maryland; Hampshire lay on the route between Shenandoah and Greene Counties, and William may have been born enroute. Based on the account of the massacre of the Dotson and Smith children on the Cheat River in 1779, as related in a preceding chapter, it appears that William was the only survivor of Richard's children born prior to that time. In conclusion, it seems more likely that William was born in the area of present-day Greene County Pennsylvania.

William Dotson, Sr. married Mary Franks. Mary A. (Molly or Polly) Franks, was born in 1781 according to both the 1850 and 1860 census of Doddridge County (in 1850, age 69, birthplace PA; in 1860, age 79, birthplace VA) (1785 or 1786 are alternate birthyears according to Frank's Genealogy). Mary Franks was a daughter of Henry Franks, a contemporary of Richard Dotson during the Revolutionary War when both the Richard Dotson and Henry Frank families lived on the Big Whiteley River in present day Greene County PA. An account of Henry Frank's service is given in Appendix C.

They were married in 1796 or 1797, most probably in Hampshire County, Va. According to Henry Frank's pension application (Appendix C) he and his family were living in Hampshire Co. at this time. William first appeared by name on the personal property tax rolls of Hampshire County in 1798, and again the following year 1799. William and family removed with his father Richard Sr. to Greenwood (now Doddridge County, W.Va.) and were living there in 1804.

From Hardesty's history of Doddridge County, originally published in 1883:¹

William Buskirk Dotson..."William and Mary (Franks) Dotson, his parents, now many years deceased, settled in this vicinity in 1804."

They settled just west of Greenwood on land that was later owned by their grandson William Dotson, the Ellifritts, and other descendants. They were farmers. For a more complete account of William Dotson, Sr.'s land ownership, the reader is referred to the co-author's book *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865)*.²

William Dotson is listed in the 1810 census of Wood Co., Va. along with his father Richard and brother Emanuel, each separate heads of family; no other Dotsons in Wood. (Census taker was Jonas Beeson Nov 23, 1810; total Wood County population, 3036 persons).

WILLIAM DOTSON... Free White Males, 3 under 10; 1 10-16; 1 26-45; Free White Females, 3 under 10; 1 26-45; from this there were seven children in household, with the oldest boy born 1796-1800.

William Dotson is listed again in the 1820 census of Wood Co., Va. along with his father Richard and brother Elisha, each separate head of family; no other Dotsons in Wood Co., but brother Emanuel (Sr.) (Dodson) was enumerated in the adjacent county of Tyler.

WILLIAM DOTSON...Free White Males, 2 under 10; 1 10-16; 1 16-18; 3 16-26; 1 26-45; Free White Females, 3 under 10; 2 10-16; 1 16-26; 1 16-45. (3 are listed as being in agriculture). Assuming all were their own children, 12 or 13 were still at home in 1820.

1830 Census of Wood Co. (page 381):

DOTSON, WILLIAM... Free White Males: 1 under 5; 2 10-15; 1 50-60; Free White Females: 1 under 5; 2 5-10; 1 10-15; 2 15-20; 1 40-50. Assuming all were their own children, nine were still at home.

1840 census of Wood Co.:

DOTSON, WILLIAM...males, 2 15-20; 2 20-30; 1 60-70; females, 1 10-15; 2 15-20; 2 20-30; 1 50-60. Assuming all were their own children, nine were still at home.

From the 1850 census of Dodd. Co. (page 7, Dwelling and Family Number 98):

DOTSON, WILLIAM, SR. (farmer - value of real estate \$2000) born in Pennsylvania, age 75 years, cannot read or write.

DOTSON, MARY A. born in Pennsylvania age 69 years, cannot read or write.

Listed in the same household was their son-in-law William Ellifritt age 20 farmer with real estate \$500, b. Md.; and their youngest daughter Mary Jane Ellifritt age 22, b. Va. (Ch. V-14)

William Dotson and Mary Ann were last enumerated in the census of 1860, Va. Doddridge Co. page 114, Dwelling No. 782 and Family No. 783; their entry was on the line below that of their son-in-law and daughter W. C. Ellifritt age 30, and Mary J. (Dotson) Ellifritt age 32: WM. DOTSON age 85 (occupation-does nothing), b. Va., cannot read or write;

MARY ANN DOTSON age 79, b. VA., cannot read or write.

According to the Doddridge Death Register Vol. 3, page 8, William Dotson, Sr., died Jan 8 (June 8 per index), 1865, at the age of 88 years, 7 months; cause of death, old age; parents, Richard and Mary; consort, Mary Dotson; source of information, William C. (B) Dotson son.

Mary Ann's death was not found in the Doddridge Death Register.

Place of burial is not known for either, but is most likely the Greenwood Cemetery.

They were parents of fourteen known children:

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| 1.- Emanuel Dotson, b. 1798 | Chapter V-1 |
| 2.- John Dotson, b. 1800 | V-2 |
| 3.- Nancy Dotson. no birth date | V-3 |
| 4.- Mary Ann Dotson. No birth date | V-4 |
| 5.- Elizabeth Dotson, b. 1807 | V-5 |
| 6.- Henry Dotson, b. 1810 | V-6 |
| 7.- Charlotte Dotson, b. 1811 | V-7 |
| 8.- Margaret Dotson, b. 1813-1814 | V-8 |
| 9.- William Buskirk Dotson, b. 1815 | V-9 |
| 10.- Solomon "Sol" Dotson, b. 1817 | V-10 |
| 11.- Eliza Margaret Dotson, b. 1820 | V-11 |
| 12.- Cynthia Dotson, b. 1822 | V-12 |
| 13.- Squire Dotson, b. 1825 | V-13 |
| 14.- Mary Jane Dotson, b. 1828 | V-14 |

The foregoing list of fourteen children is compatible with the age groups of the 1810, 1820, 1830 and 1840 census, with the following exceptions:

1810: there should be another male in the age group under 10

1820: there should be one additional male in the age groups, 16-18 and 16-26 (note; if male's age is 16-18, same person could fit both age groups)

Note: children other than their own could have been living in their household, or conversely, one or more of their children could have been living with another family at the time the census was taken.

CHAPTER V-1

EMANUEL DOTSON.

From Miss Lowther's *History of Ritchie County*³:

"EMANUEL DOTSON...was b. at Greenwood, on March 1, 1798; and in his early manhood was m. to Miss Hannah Sears (Sayers) (1804-1862) and on Cabin Run where Thomas Dotson now lives, they established their home near the year 1820. Here they remained until they crossed to the other side and at Toll Gate they rest. Mr. Dotson died Feb 12, 1881 at the age of 82 years."

Miss Lowther is in (partial) error...Emanuel Dotson was not born at Greenwood, as his parents did not come to Greenwood until 1800 or later. He most probably was b. in Hampshire Co., Va. as his father William was enumerated as a head of household separately from William's father Richard, in both the 1798 and 1799 personal property tax lists for Hampshire County. See reference in chapter 4.

In the Toll Gate Cemetery:

EMANUEL DOTSON...died 12 Feb 1881...age 81 years..11 months..11 days.

HANNAH, WIFE OF M. (MANUEL) DOTSON. died 2 Dec 1862..59 years..7 mo...20 d.

In the Ritchie County Death Register p.11:

Dotson, Hannah died Oct 20, 1862, spinal aff. 59 yrs. 1 mo. 27 d. married Emanuel Dotson, no place of birth or parents given; p. 36: Dotson, Emanuel died Feb 12, 1880; old age; 83 yrs; farmer; parents, where born, and consort unknown; rept. by H. S. Dotson, a

friend. (Hiram S. Dotson, son)

Thus from his head-stone date of death, and age at death, he would have been born March 1, 1798 as Miss Lowther stated; from his date of death per the Death Register (one year earlier), he would have been born in 1797. In either case he would have been born while his father William Sr. was residing in Hampshire County Virginia.

Hannah Sayre was the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Sayre, who lived on Middle Island Creek, Tyler County. Hannah's sister Susan married John Dotson, Emanuel's brother. This information is gleaned from a deed dated 10 June 1829, Vol. 2, p. 461 and recorded 1829; it conveyed 130 acres of land on Middle Island Creek, on which Benjamin Sayre resided prior to his death, to Hiram T. Sayre from the other heirs.between Snowden Kinney and Mary his wife, Solomon Sayre and Lydia his wife, Squire Sayre and Lydia his wife, *Manual Dotson and Hannah his wife*, and *John Dotson and Susannah his wife* which said Mary, Solomon, Squire, Hannah and Susannah are severally children and heirs at law of Benjamin Sayre late of Tyler County now deceased, and Nancy Sayre widow and relict of the said Benjamin Sayre decd.

From the 1830 census of VA; Wood County #381:

Manuel Dotson, free white males; 2 under 5, 1 5-10, 1 20-30; free white females 1 under 5, 1 20-30.

From the 1840 census of VA; Wood County #150:

Manuel Dotson, free white males; 3 10-15, 1 40-50; free white females 1 15-20, 1 30-40.

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County (553-553):

Dotson, Emanuel	50	farmer	born in Virginia	.
Hannah	46		born in Virginia	

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County (Dwelling 643-Household 608):

Manuel Dodson	farmer,	age 62,	b. Va.
Hannah		age 57,	b. Va.

(Note; this entry was one line below that of his son Hiram S. Dodson, Dwelling 642, Household 607) (all Dotsons in Ritchie County were enumerated as "Dodson" in 1860)

Emanuel Dotson was not included in the 1870 census of West Virginia

From the 1880 census of Ritchie County;

In the household of Hiram, age 56, and Malvina Dotson, age 45; Amanuel, widower, white male, age 82, father (of Hiram), farmer, b. WV, father b. VA, mother b. VA

The first deed for Emanuel and Hannah was the one for 100 acres in 1832 which he purchased from his uncle Emanuel, Sr.; this tract was located at Duckworth on the divide between the waters of Arnold Creek (Wilhelm Creek) and Hughes River (Dotson Run). (Wood County Deed Book 8 p. 248 Manuel Dotson 2nd of Wood Co. from Manuel Dotson Senior and Mary his wife of Harrison Co. for \$100). Emanuel and Hannah sold this tract in 1843 to his uncle Zachariah Dotson for one dollar (Ritchie Co. Deed Book 1 p. 64, 21 Oct 1843)

A second deed for Emanuel and Hannah was recorded in Ritchie County, Deed Book 1, p. 266, date of writing 1840, for 200 acres on Cabin Run, a branch of the North Fork of Hughes River; grantor was Middleton Williams.

A third deed for Emanuel and Hannah was recorded in the year 1843 for a 200 acre tract on Gum Run and Lick Run, drains of Cabin Run; from a survey of John Bunnell; Wood

County Deeds Book 12, p.534 from William Dixson for \$200, date of deed 3 March 1841.

Upon the death of his uncle Thomas Dotson in December 1847, Emanuel became the administrator of the Thomas Dotson estate. (Ritchie County Court, Jan 4, 1848 term.... Manuel Dotson, Hiram his security- letter of administration goods and chattels of Thos. Dotson decd. with consent of his widow.... Ritchie Co., Will Book, No. 1, Pages 56, 57, and 58...3 Feb 1848; Thomas Dotson. Manuel Dotson, Adm.) See Chapter 14- Thomas Dotson, for a copy of the appraisement bill and sale.

Emanuel and Hannah were the parents of four children:

- 1.- Hiram S. Dotson, b. 1823
- 2.- Lovisa Dotson, b. 1825
- 3.- Granville Dotson, b. 1827
- 4.- John W. Dotson, b. 1829

1.- Hiram S. Dotson.

From Miss Lowther: "Hiram S. Dotson was the only son that remained here, was born on Cabin Run in 1823 and spent his entire life within the bounds of his native County, where his ashes lie. He m(1) Miss Susan J. Markwell, who d. while he was serving as a Union soldier in 1863, leaving 11 children. Both are buried at Toll Gate."

Ritchie County Ministers return:

"2 Nov 1843...Hiram Dotson & Susan Markwell by Eli Riddle."

In the Toll Gate Baptist Church Cemetery:

SUSAN J. WIFE OF H. S. DOTSON...d. 12 July 1863; age 30y.-10m.-9d.

On Oct 26, 1863 he was honorably discharged from the army service as his orphaned children demanded his presence at home.

From Hardesty's history of Ritchie County, 1883⁴:

"HIRAM S. DOTSON...was born and raised on the farm he now owns and carries on in Clay District, Ritchie County, and to which he has added three hundred acres cleared and improved by himself. His birth was on the 21st of Sept 1823, Emanuel D. and Hannah Dotson his parents. He has been twice married and the father of fifteen children. Susan his first wife was the mother of: Mansfield H., born Aug 14, 1844; lives in Baltimore, Md.; Spencer B., Dec 7. 1846, and Perry E., June 15, 1848, live in Ritchie County; Amos A., Nov 9, 1850, lives in Wirt County; William F., May 7, 1852 and Alpheus R., May 22, 1854, live in Ritchie Co.; Mary E., Oct 4, 1856 and Alice Jane Nov 19, 1858, live in Dodd. Co., this state; Granville, March 6, 1860 and Sarah J., Nov 9, 1862, live in Ritchie Co.; Susan Jane, July 3, 1864, lives in Dodd. Co. The mother of these children died July 12, 1864 in the faith of the Christian, having been, with her husband, in the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1856.

In Ritchie County in 1865, Hiram S. Dotson was joined in wedlock with Melvina, daughter of Thomas and Anna Pool. She was born in Harrison County, June 13, 1835, and the children with her union with Mr. Dotson are: John W., born August 23, 1866; Daniel V., March 30, 1867; Thomas, Jan 3, 1869; Anna B., Feb 4, 1871. Mr. Dotson served two years in the Federal army, enlisting in Aug 1862, in the 14th (*sic* 4th Cav.) West Virginia Infantry, and received discharge for disability. Mansfield D., Spencer and Perry, the three older sons, were all Federal soldiers. The postoffice address of Hiram S. Dotson is Toll Gate, Ritchie County, West Virginia."

From the 1850 Census of VA; Ritchie County (554-554):

Dotson, Hiram	26	born Virginia	farmer
Susan	23	born Virginia	
Mansfield H.	6	born Virginia	
Spencer	5	born Virginia	
Perry	3	born Virginia	
Amos	7/12	born Virginia	

From the 1860 Census of VA; Ritchie County (642-607):

Dodson, Hiram	36	Va	farmer
Susan J	33	Va	
Mansfield	15	Va	
Spencer B	14	Va	
Perry C	12	Va	
Amos A	10	Va	
William F	9	Va	
Afeous R	6	Va	
Mary E	4	Va	
Alice J	2	Va	
Charles G	4/12	Va	
Susan Rollins	14	Va	

From the 1870 Census of WV; Ritchie County (451-424):

Dotson, Hiram S.	46	Va	Farmer
Melona (Melvina)	34	Va	Hskpr
Amos A	20	Va	
Alpheus R	19	Va	
Mary E	14	Va	
Alice G	12	Va	
Charles G	10	Va	
Sarah J	8	Va	
John W	4	WV	
Daniel	3	WV	
Thomas	1	WV	

From the 1880 census of VA; Ritchie County:

Dotson, Hiram	56	Farmer	WV WVWV
Amanuel (widower)	82	Father	Farmer WV V A V A
Malvina	45	Wife	Keeping Hs WV WVWV
Granville	20	Son	Farm Labr WV WVWV
Susan	17	Dau	At Home WV WVWV
John W.	14	Son	At Home WV WVWV
Daniel	13	Son	At Home WV WVWV
Thomas	11	Son	At Home WV WVWV
Anna B	8	Dau	WV WVWV

From the 1890 "Special Schedule.-Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows" for the Civil War, in West Virginia, Hiram S. and his son John S. (Spencer

P. 'Buke') Dotson were enumerated as follows:

	<u>Hiram S. Dotson</u>	<u>John Spencer Dotson</u>
Line No.	10	40
County, Locale	Ritchie, Clay	Doddridge, Central
SD, ED	1, 154	1, 139
House, Family No.	301,306	195,196
Rank	Private	Private
Company, Regiment	G, 14th W Va Inf	B, 4th W. Va. Vol. Cav.
Date of Enlistment	2 Aug 1862	— — —
Date of Discharge	15 Nov 1863	— — —
Length of Service	1 yr, 3 mo, 13 da.	— — —
Post Office Address	Toll Gate, W Va	Toll Gate, Rit. Co., W.Va.
Disability Incurred	Throat disease	— — —
Remarks	— — —	This man same as Spencer B Dotson

After the Civil War, the new state of West Virginia awarded medals to all of its Union Soldiers; those not claimed by the veteran, have subsequently been, or attempted to have been, awarded to family descendants. As of Oct 8, 1987, the medals of Hiram S. and his brother John W. Dotson had not been claimed in Charleston.

Hiram and Susan were the parents of 11 children:

- a.-Mansfield H. Dotson, b. 14 Aug 1844.
- b.-John Spencer "Buke" Dotson, b. 7 Dec 1846.
- c.-Perry E. Dotson, b. 15 June 1848.
- d.-Amos A. Dotson, b. 9 Jan 1850.
- e.-William Flavus Dotson, b. 7 May 1852.
- f.-Alpheus R. (Alfred) Dotson, b. 22 May 1854.
- g.-Mary Ellen Dotson, b. 4 Oct 1856.
- h.-Alice Jane Dotson, b. 19. Nov 1858.
- i.-Charles Granville Dotson, b. 16 March 1860.
- j.-Sarah J. Dotson, b. 9 Nov 1862.
- k.-Susan Jane Dotson, b. 3 July 1864.

- a.-Mansfield H. Dotson, b. 14 Aug 1844.

This m. in Ritchie Co.:

"20 June 1864...M.H. Dotson, 20...single...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...parents, Hiram S. & Susan J.; & M. A. Wigner, 17... single...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...parents, Jacob W. & Elizabeth... by Van Lenden Sanford."

Mansfield Dotson was a soldier in the civil war at the same time as his father and two brothers (John Spencer aka Spencer B. 'Buke' Dotson, and Perry E. Dotson). Living in Baltimore, Md. in 1883. (Ref. Hardesty, above)

Mansfield was not listed in the West Virginia index for the 1890 special census for Civil War Veterans and widows, thus indicating that he was residing out of state. He must have moved shortly after 1880, since he was enumerated in Pleasants Co. WV in the 1880 census as shown below.

From the 1880 census of WV; Pleasants Co.:

Dotson Mansfield	WM	35	Works sawmill	VA VA VA
Matilda A	WF	33	Wife Kps hse	VA VA VA
Victoria A	WF	14	Dau	WV VA VA
Susan E	WF	13	Dau	WV VA VA
Harry D	WM	9	Son	WV VA VA

b.-John Spencer "Buke" Dotson, b. 7 Dec 1846.

He was a Union soldier in the Civil War along with his father and two brothers. (See item above for his enumeration in the 1890 census for Civil War Veterans and Widows in WV) Shortly after the war he m. Emma Jane Divers, 18 Oct 1868.

This marriage in Ritchie County:

"18 Oct 1868...Spencer P. Dotson, 22...single...b. Rit. Co... res. Rit. Co...parents, Hiram & Susan; and Emma Jane Divers, 22 b. Barbour Co...res. Dodd. Co...parents, Andrew J. & Nancy by J. Z. Williams." Living in Ritchie Co. in 1883 (Hardesty).

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (453-426):

Spencer Dotson	24	Va	Farmer
Emsy	24	Va	
S E (f)	9/12	Va	
Ellen Dwess	10	Va	

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County, 150 (Clay Dist.) 021:

Dotson, Spencer	WM	34	Farm Laborer	WV WV WV
Emza J	WF	34	Wife Keeping House	WV WV WV
Samantha	WF	10	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Edwin L	WM	9	Son	WV WV WV
Rosa A	WF	6	Dau	WV WV WV
William W	WM	4	Son	WV WV WV
Marietta	WF	1	Dau	WV WV WV

Samantha died 1 Aug 1884. Ritchie Deaths p. 45; "Dotson Samantha E. d. Clay Dist. Typhoid fever 15 yrs. parents S B and E J Dotson b. Ritchie Co. Rept by parents."

Emma Jane died before 1895.

From the 1900 census of WV; 38 126 17 22 Wirt Reedy Dist.:

Dotson Spencer D	W	Dec 1845	54	WV
Elizabeth	W	Aug 1844	55	WV
Charles E	S	Aug 1881	18	WV
Dolly M	D	Nov 1883	16	WV
Harmor F	S	May 1887	13	WV
Eva R	D	Nov 1891	8	WV
Cross Mary	SD	Dec 1891	8	WV (step daug.)

This Death in Doddridge County, Register book 5, p. 44:

John Spencer Dotson, Male, April 7, 1941; parents, Hiram Sears Dotson and Susie Makewell (Markwell)

Parents of nine children:

- 1.- Samantha Dotson, b. ca. 1870; d. 1 Aug 1884.
- 2.- (Edwin) Lee Dotson, b. 21 May 1871; d. 19 May 1962.

3.- Rosie Dotson, b. 21 Dec 1873; d. 15 Sept 1932; m. Mr. Givens.

4.- (William) Walter Dotson, b. 13 March 1877; d. 1914.

5.- (Marietta) Etta Dotson, b. 5 April 1879; d. 14 March 1971; m. Mr. Fleming.

6.- Charles Dotson, b. 14 Aug 1881; d. Oct 1947.

7.- Dollie Dotson, b. 24 Nov 1884 (1883); d. 17 Jan 1951; m. Alpha Hamrick, 9 May 1903. Five children:

(1) Bernice Hamrick, b. 1904.

(2) Wenzel Spencer Hamrick, b. 1907.

(3) Naomi Beatrice Hamrick, b. 1910.

(4) Cleo Michelle Hamrick, b. 1913.

(5) Cecil Elmwood Hamrick, b. 1915...died 1971.

8.- Harmer Dotson, b. 3 May 1886 (1887)

9.- Eva Dotson, b. 7 Nov 1890 (1891); d. 27 Feb 1967; m. ____ Dotson.

b.- John Spencer B. Dotson m. (2) Elizabeth Cross

This marriage in Ritchie Co.

"9 Nov 1895.. Spencer H. Dotson...widow... age 49...b. Ritchie...m. Elizabeth Cross widow... b VA. resident Ritchie."

See foregoing census of 1900: Elizabeth wife, step-daughter Mary Cross.

c.-Perry E. Dotson, b. 15 June 1848.

He was a Union soldier in the civil war with his father Hiram S. and two brothers (John Spencer aka Spencer B 'Buke' Dotson, and Mansfield Dotson).

Perry E. Dotson m (1) Cynthia Jane Ellefritts; this marriage in Doddridge County;

"6 Sept 1866...Perry E. Dotson...Age 20...m. Syntha Jane Ellefritts...age 20"

From the 1850 Census of VA; Doddridge County (Family No. 94):

Ellefritt, Samuel	54	MW	Farmer	VA
Mary	47	FW		VA
Amanda	22	FW		VA
James F	20	MW		VA
Mary E	14	FW		VA
Isaac R	13	MW		VA
Enseh F	10	MW		VA
Helen E	8	FW		VA
Cynthia J	3	FW		VA
Rubush (?)	3	MW		VA

In the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge County, in the family of Mary Ellefritt, age 69, b. Maryland:

Dotson, Perry	22	Male	White	Farmer	b.VA
Cynthia J.	23	F	W		b.VA
Saml. W	2	M	W		b. WV
Annie M (Myrtle)	7/12F		W	(b. Oct)	b. WV

This death in Doddridge County Register, Book 3, p. 23:

"Jane Dotson, Female, Dec 8, 1874, Parents Samuel and Mary Ellifritt, In the Greenwood Cemetery: "Scynthia Jane wife of Perry E. Dotson d - -"

Two children:

1.- Samuel W. Dotson, b. ca. 1868. In father Perry's household in 1870, age 2, and

in 1880, age 12. No further information.

2.- Myrtle Ann Dotson, b. Oct 1869; d. 1948. She m. Benjamin F. Hill.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "20 Oct 1889...B. F. Hill...age 26...b. Tyler...resident Ritchie...m. Mirta A. Dotson...age 20...b. Ritchie." Benjamin Hill was a school teacher, sheriff of Ritchie County and a merchant.

Six children:

(1) Orvil Price Hill, b. 28 Aug 1890; d. 14 April 1958. He was awarded the distinctive service award in appreciation for 43 years of service to public school education in Ritchie County, W.Va., being county superintendent for 26 years. He then became state auditor in the tax commissioner's office. He m. Ethel Cross, 23 Nov 1923. She b. 1896. One child; Carolyn L. Hill, b. & d. 1928

(2) Olive Louise Hill, b. 1891; d. 1918.

(3) Everett Hill, killed in accident, age 3.

(4) Franklin Hill, d. at age 3 years.

Both Everett and Franklin Hill are buried in the Egypt Cemetery, Cairo, W.Va.

(5) Lycurgus Perry Hill, 1905-1956. President of Shenandoah College, Dayton, Ohio. m. to Margaret Glenn. They had; L. P. Hill Jr.; Glenna Jean Hill; and PatriciaAnn Hill.

(6) Benjamin Franklin Hill Jr., b. 17 Sept 1901, Rit. Co.; m. in 1928 in Harrison Co., W.Va., Mary Clark, b. 22 Aug 1902. (See, Salathiel Dotson, son of William White Dotson, Chapter VIII-2). Mr. Hill was deputy Clerk of Wood Co., W.Va. He was helpful to supply his line and Richard Dotson Jr.'s line which was his mother's line. They had; Benjamin F. Hill III, b. Wood Co., 16 Oct 1930; m. June 1954, June Mankin, Chicago, Ill. B.A. in business from Northwestern Univ. with Fred James broker, Chicago. One child; David James Hill, b. 8 May 1957.

c.-Perry E. Dotson, m (2) Helen E. Ellefritt.

This m. in Dodd. Co.: "Sept.6 1875...Perry E. Dotson, 30...b. Rit. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Hiram & Susan; and Hellen E. Ellefritt, 32... b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...parents, Samuel & Mary by Eli Martin." Cynthia and Helen were sisters. Perry outlived both his wives.

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 (Central Dist.) 024:

Dotson, Perry A.	WM	33	Farmer	VA VA VA
Helen	WF	37	Wife Keeping house	VA MD MD
Samuel	WM	12	Son farm laborer	WV VA VA
Amy M (Annie)	WF	10	Dau at home	WV VA VA
Hiram S	WM	7	Son at home	WV VA VA
Lulia	WF	3	Dau at home	WV VA VA
Kinney, S S (w)	WM	73	Boarder	PA PA PA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Grant Dist 30 88 19 27:

Dotson Perry E	W	June 1847	53	WV
Hellen E	W	Mar 1843	57	WV
Zelona L	D	Dec 1876	23	WV
James P*	S	Oct 1890	19	WV
Ward Charles E	Bo	May 1888	12	WV

*This marriage in Ritchie County: "2 Oct 1901...James P. Dotson...age 20...b.

Ritchie...m. Lina Davis...age 21...b. Ritchie.”

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0069 0175:

Dotson Perry E H W 63 WV WV

Hellen S W 67 WV

For further information on the Ellifritts family please see *Descendants of John Wilson*, the Ellefritts family section by Hobart Ellefritts,⁵ and *The Duckworth Family*.⁶

From Ritchie County Deaths (1919-1970) p.100;

Dotson, Perry E, died Cairo, 27 May 1925, age 77 yr, 11 mo, 12 da; widower, farmer, b. WV, parents Hiram S Dotson, Susan Marshall (sic Markwell) heart trouble d.-Amos A. Dotson, b. 9 Jan 1850.

Shown in the family of his parents in the 1870 census, Ritchie County.

This marriage in Rit. Co.: “16 Nov 1876...Amos A. Dotson, 27...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co... Parents, Hiram & Susan; & Evaline Harper, 22...widow...b. Wirt Co...res. Rit. Co..by R. A. Hill.”

Living in Wirt Co. in 1883.

From the 1880 census of WV; Wirt County, 156 001:

Dodson, Amos A	WM	30	Farmer	VA VA VA
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Eveline	WF	36	wife	Keeping House	VA VA VA
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Ora N	WF	2	dau		WV VA VA
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Orville H*	WM	3/12	son (Mar 1880)		WV VA VA
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Peck, George (m)	WM	72	Fil		VA VA VA
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Peck, Drusella (m)	WF	71	Mil		VA VA VA
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Peck, Ann L (s)	WF	44	Sil		VA VA VA
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From the 1900 census of WV; 38? 127 10 16 Wirt Spring Creek Dist:

Dotson, Amos A	W	Nov 1849	50	WV
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Orval*	Son	Mar 1880	20	WV
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William D	S	June 1883	16	WV
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Nettie	D	Oct 1878	21	WV
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Minnie	D	Oct 1881	18	WV
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Orma	D	Sept 1886	13	WV
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From the 1910 census soudex of WV; Wirt 048 0113 0145:

Dotson Amos A	H W	60	WVA WVA
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William A	GS	08	WVA
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From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Wirt 048 0113 0215:

*Dotson Orvil	H W	30	WV WV
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Della D	W	25	WV
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Carl M	S	03	WV
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This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “9 Oct 1903...Orville H. Dotson...age 23...b. Wirt...resident Ritchie...m. Della D. Enochs...age 19...b. Wirt...resident Ritchie.”

e.-William Flavus Dotson, b. 7 May 1852.

This marriage in Rit. Co.: “4 March 1877...Wm. F. Dotson, 25...single...b. Rit. Co... res. Rit. Co...parents, Hiram & Susan; & Jennie Warner, 17... single...b. & ...res.. Rit. Co... by Enoch Harper.”

Living in Ritchie Co. in 1883.

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co., 150 (Clay) 021:

Dotson, WF	WM	29		Farm laborer	WV WV WV
Jennie	WF	20	Wife	Keeping house	WV WV WV
Katurah	WF	2	Dau		WV WV WV
Floyd	WM	8/12	Son (Sept 1879)		WV WV WV
Lloyd	WM	8/12	Son (Sept 1879)		WV WV WV

From 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist 30 84 11 15:

Dotson Flabies W	W	May 1851	49	WV
Jennie	W	Sept 1859	40	WV
Ketmie	D	Apr 1878	22	WV
Lloyd	S	Sept 1879	20	WV
Amos	S	Apr 1887	13	WV
Silas	S	Dec 1888	11	WV
Freddie	S	Jan 1891	9	WV
Lola D	D	Nov 1895	4	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0190:

Dotson William F	H W	58	WV WV
Jennie	W	50	WV
Amos	S	23	WV
Cyrus	S	21	WV
William	S	19	WV
Lola (Lora)	D	14	WV

From Ritchie Deaths (1919-1970), p 104:

“Dotson, William Flavius, died Pennsboro, 26 Apr 1936, age 84 y 11 m 18 d, married, farmer, b. WV Parents Hiram Dotson, Susan Markle (sic Markwell)”

Parents of eight children:

1.- Ketura Dotson, b. ca. 1878, m. Homer Moats.

This marriage in Ritchie County: “4 April 1901...Homer S. Moats...age 29...b. Ritchie...m. Keturah Dotson...age 22...b. Ritchie.”

Five children:

- (1) Harold
- (2) Russell
- (3) Lawrence
- (4) Orville
- (5) Edwin

2.- Floyd, b. Sept 1879

3.- Lloyd, b. Sept 1879

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “12 July 1906...*Lloyd Dotson*...age 26...b. Ritchie...m. E. Gay Jett...age 21...b. Ritchie.”

1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge West Union 007 0034 0174

Datson Lloyd	H W	30	WV WV
Gay	W	26	WV
Ardie	S	02	WV

4.- Cyrus, b. ca 1889, m. Gracie Ellen Wilson. For this family, see

Descendents of John Wilson, page 141.⁷

This obituary in the *Ritchie Gazette*, March 28, 1991: "Woodrow Wilson Dotson, 75, of Pine View Continuous Care Center, Harrisville, WV, died Monday, March 25, 1991, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg, WV.

He was born in Ritchie County, WV, a son of the late Cyrus Bukey and Gracie Ellen Wilson Dotson. He was a member of the St. Andrews United Methodist Church and attended the Mount Pisgah Church in Ritchie County.

Surviving are three sisters, Hattie Combs of Illinois, Hettie Bennett of Elizabeth, WV, and Pauline Pluzdrak of Vienna, WV.

Preceding him in death was a brother, Paul Dotson...."

5. William, b. ca. 1881

6. Lora, b. ca. 1896, m. a Lamm. Three children:

(1) Kathleen, b. ca. 1918. This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* July 18, 1991: "Kathleen L. Vincent, 73, of Pennsboro, WV, died Tuesday, July 9, 1991, in Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital, Parkersburg, WV.

She was born in Beason Community near Pennsboro, Ritchie County, WV, a daughter of the late Lakin C and Lola Dotson Lamm. ...

Surviving are her husband, Wayne Vincent of Pennsboro; a daughter, Mrs. Steve (Doris) Locke of Rt. 2, Waverly, WV; two brothers, Jack E. Lamm of Nutter Fort, WV, and Gerald E. Lamm of West Milford, WV; and three granddaughter, Kimberly, Stephanie and Stacie Locke, all of Waverly. ...Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery, Ellenboro, WV."

(2) Gerald

(3) Jack

7.- Fred Dotson, m. Hildred Lamm. Three children:

(1) William Dotson.

(2) Eugene Dotson.

(3) Carolyn Dotson.

8.- Daisy Dotson, m. Herbert Cottrill. No children.

f.-Alpheus R. (Alfred) Dotson, b. 27 May 1853.

This birth in Ritchie Co.; "Alf Dotson May 27, 1853; N. F. Hughes R.; parents Hiram and Susan Dotson."

This m. in Rit. Co.: "24 March 1875...Alford A. Dotson, 21...single...b. Rit. Co... res. Rit. Co...parents, Hiram & Susan J.; & Jane Wells, 23... b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Levi & Elizabeth by Philip A. Woods."

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 150 (Clay) 022:

Dotson, A R	WM	27	Wks	Sawmill	WV WV WV
Jennie	WF	27	Wife	Keeping house	WV WV WV
Clarence	WM	4	Son		WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: 32 132 11 8 Taylor Co. Court House Dist Grafton:

Dotson, Alfred R W	May 1854	46	WV
Jane	W	Nov 1852	47
Clarence F	S	Aug 1875	24
Lilly M	D	Aug 1881	18
Charles G	B	March 1860	40

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Taylor Grafton 035 0131 0213:

Dotson Charles B 49 WV WV
enumerated with Dotson Alfred H W

From the above censuses, Alfred and Jan were parents of two children:

1.- Clarence F b. Aug 1875

2.- Lilly M b. Aug 1881

g.- Mary Ellen Dotson, b. 27 May 1855.

This b. in Ritchie Co.; "Mary Ellen Dotson, May 27, 1855; parents Hiram and Susan Dotson"

This marriage in Rit. Co.: "18 Sept 1873...William L. Stinespring 23 single Dodd. Co...Parents, John W. & Mary Ann; & Mary E. Dotson, 18...single...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...parents, Hiram & Susan J. by Eli M. Gaston."

In the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 123 015):

Stinespring, William L.	WM	29		Farmer	WV VA VA
Mary E.	WF	25	Wife	Housekeeper	VA VA VA
Dora M.	WF	5	Dau		WV VA VA
Lona M.	WF	1	Dau		WV VA VA
Leggett, John E.	WM	24	Cousin works on farm		VA VA VA

Living in Doddridge County in 1883.

1900 WV census soundex; Doddridge 5 26 5 13 Southwest Dist.:

Stinespring, Wm L	W	Oct 1849	50	WV
Mary E	W	Oct 1855	44	WV
Lona May	D	June 1878	21	WV
Grace L	D	Mar 1882	18	WV
C Fred	S	Apr 1884	16	WV
Hedrick C	S	May 1886	13	WV

Ross, Ted W	Bo	Oct 1864	35	WV
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1910 WV census soundex; Doddridge 007 0033 0131:

Stinespring William L	H W	60	WV	WV
Mary E	W	53	WV	
Hedria C	S	23	WV	
Victor	GS	20	WV	

Parents of six known children (maybe seven):

1.- Dora Maude Stinespring, b. ca. 1875. m. Roy Ingram. See Page 405
Descendants of John Wilson.

Four children:

(1) Edna Ingram, m. ____ LaRock.

(2) Raymond Ingram.

(3) Frankie Ingram, m. Guy Broadwater (son of Charles Broadwater, son of Jefferson Broadwater, see *Broadwater Family*).

(4) Robert Ingram.

2.- Lena May Stinespring, b. June 1878. m. ____ Black

3.- Grace Lewe Stinespring, b. May 1882. m. Frank Nutter (son of Andrew

Nutter).

Four children:

(1) Edith Nutter, m. Asa Dotson. She d. 198-. For this family, see Chapter VII-7 Robert Dotson (Mary Elizabeth Dotson & Marshall Dotson).

(2) Forest Nutter, m. ——— and had a son, Kay Nutter of Baltimore, Md. Forrest is dead (1983). Kay has two children.

(3) Pauline Nutter, Never married. dead.

(4) Beatrice Nutter, m. ——— Wilson. Lives in Florida.

4.- Fred Stinespring, b. April 1884. Never married.

5.- Hedrick Stinespring, b. May 1886. m. Carrie Nutter. Two children:

(1) Chestine Stinespring, m. and lives in Arizona (?).

(2) Hayward Stinespring, m. Mildred Cumberledge. He is dead.

6.- Victor Goff Stinespring, b. ca. 1890. m. Susie Maxwell. One son:

(1) Charter Stinespring.

7.- Lillie Pearl Stinespring. Never married. (Not in any census)

h.-Alice Jane Dotson, b. 19. Nov 1858.

This m. in Rit. Co.: "15 March 1877...Wm. P. Ash, 26...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Stephen & Sarah J.; & Alice J. Dotson, 19... single...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...parents, Hiram & Susan by E. J. 'Doc' Taylor."

In the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 150 022:

Ash, W. P.	WM	29		Farm laborer	WV WV DE
Alice J	WF	22	Wife	Keeping house	WV WV WV
Floy	WF	1	Dau		WV WV WV

WV census soundex 1900; Doddridge Grant Dist 5 21 21 63:

Ash William C	W	Mar 1851	49	WV
Alice J.	W	Nov 1857	42	WV
Fany	D	Sept 1886	13	WV
Stanley	S	Aug 1889	10	WV
Ervin	S	Mar 1894	6	WV

WV census soundex 1910; Ritchie 036 0070 0026:

Ash William P	M	W	59	WV	WV
Alice J		W	52	WV	
Stanly M		S	20	WV	
Ernent P		S	16	WV	
Opel F		D	09	WV	

Living in Doddridge County in 1883.

Five known children:

1.- Montona Esta (Floy) Ash, b. ca. 1879, m. Oliver (Roscoe) Hayes. Ten children.

(1) Florence Virginia Hayes

(2) Denzil (Robert) Hayes. b. 13 Feb 1908 at Shirley, WV d. 13 July 1964; m. (1) Genevieve Ruth Elder b. 27 May 1922 Ellenboro WV. d. 30 May 1973 at Clarksburg, WV*. Had a store in Salem, W.Va.

(3) Thelma Hayes, m. Don Cogar. Both dead 1983.

(4) Albert Hayes. Dead. Death march Phillipines.

(5) James Hayes. Killed in service, France.

(6) Eugene Hayes. Killed in service, France.

(7) Mary Hayes.

(8) Freda Hayes.

*Information from application for membership to DAR, Barbara Hayes Stout, West Union WV, dau. of Denzil Robert Hayes; patriot Richard Dotson.

2.- Fany, b. Sept 1886

3.- Stanley, b. Aug 1889

4.- Ervin, b. Mar 1894

5.- Opel F, b. ca. 1901

i.-Charles Granville Dotson, b. 16(3) March 1860. Living in Ritchie County in 1883.

Enumerated in the 1880 census, Ritchie County, age 20, in the household of his father Hiram Dotson (see above); in the household of brother Alfred in Taylor Co. in 1900, b. March 1860, age 40 and again in 1910, age 49.

j.-Sarah J. Dotson, b. 9 Nov 1862.

This marriage in Rit. Co.: "1876...John W. Kiger, 23...single...b. Ohio...res... Rit. Co...Parents, George W. & Sarah; & Sarah G. Dotson, 15... single...b. Va...res. Rit. Co...Parents, H. S. & Susan by R. A. Witt." Living in Ritchie County in 1883.

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 150 (Clay) O22:

Kiger, John	WM	26	Laborer	OH PA OH
Sarah	WF	18	Wife Keeping house	WV WV WV
Charles H	WM	1	Son	WV OH WV
Infant	WM	1/12	Son (May 1880)	WV OH WV

Six children:

1.- Charles H, b. 1879

2.- Male, b. May 1880

3.- Fred Kiger, b. 24 Oct 1885; d. Sept 1964. He m. Dolia Dotson.

No children. For this family, see Chap. XIV- 8 Thomas Dotson and Eliza Dotson

4.- Mae Kiger, m. Arthur Markle. Two children:

(1) Pearl Markle, m. Howard Wanstreet. No children.

(2) Virginia Markle, m. Wilbur "Buck" Grose. They had Glenn Mae Grose who m. Denzil Taylor. Both drowned in the Silver Bridge tragedy at Point Pleasant December 1967. For this family, see *The Descendants of John Wilson*.⁸

5.- Edward Kiger, m. Susan Maxwell. One child:

(1) Lewis Edward Kiger, m. __ Vertner.

6.- Charley Kiger. He worked for oil and gas Co. Lived at Pennsboro. Several children.

k.- Susan Jane Dotson, b. 3 July 1864. Living in Doddridge County in 1883.

In the 1870 census Doddridge Co., Susan J. was not enumerated in the household of her father Hiram S. (but there was a Sarah J., age 8): in 1880, a Susan J., 17, daughter of Hiram Dotson.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "25 Dec 1904...G. P. Fetty... widow...age 45...b. Monongalia... resident Tyler...m. Jane Dotson...age 40...b Ritchie."

1.- Hiram Dotson, m (2) Melvina Pool.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "23 Aug 1864...Hiram S. Dotson, 40...widow...b. Wood Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Emanuel & Hannah; & Melvina Pool, 29...single...b. Harrison Co...res. Rit. Co...parents, Thomas & Anna by Eli Riddle."

In the Toll Gate Cemetery:

HIRAM S. DOTSON, born 21 Sept 1823(8), died 25 Sept 1899

MELVINA POOL DOTSON, born 13 June 1835, died 12 March 1913

In the Ritchie Death records (p. 85);

"Dotson H. S. Sept 25, 1899 d Ritchie Co. pleurisy 76 parents Emanuel and Hannah Dotson, farmer, no place given for birth consort Melvina Dotson. Rept by F. J. Dotson, son"

Miss Lowther states: "Susan Markwell died while her husband was serving as a Union soldier. He was later discharged because of his half orphaned children. Shortly after his discharge he m. Melvina Pool." Some reported dates are in conflict and do not support this statement: eg. his date of discharge from the special 1890 census was 15 Nov 1863; birth-date of Susan's last daughter Susan Jane was 3 July 1864; Susan's death from her head-stone "SUSAN J. WIFE OF H. S. DOTSON...d. 12 July 1863; age 30y.-10m.-9d." : Hardesty gives her death date as July 12, 1864 and Hiram's remarriage to Melvina Poole as 1865. However the marriage record shown above says "23 Aug 1864".

Parents of four children:

1.- John W. Dotson, b. 23 Aug 1866. He m. Hattie O. ____.

Enumerated in the household of his father Hiram S. Dotson in the Ritchie County Census of 1870: John W., 4, b. WV. and in 1880; John W., 14, b. WV

This marriage in Ritchie County: 4 July 1888..John W. Dotson...age 22...b. Ritchie... m. Florence Clevenger... Age 21...b. Doddridge..Resident Ritchie.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist 30 84 9 45:

Dotson John W	W	June 1870	30	WV
Dellie	W	June 1873	27	WV
Ennis M	S	Oct 1894	5	WV
Leslie F	S	Aug 1896	3	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0026:

Dotson John W	H W	45	WV WV
Hattie	W	36	WV
Enos	S	15	WV
Leslie	S	13	WV

His wife's names are confusing, Florence, Dellie and Hattie; Barr Wilson recalls John W. as having only one wife; apparent discrepancy is unresolved.

He was caretaker of Crystal Lake.

In the Toll Gate Cemetery:

JOHN W. DOTSON.....1865-1931.

HATTIE O. DOTSON...1873-1956.

From the Index and Register of Deaths- Doddridge County, p. 170: "Dotson, John Wesley, M, died Dec 8, 1931, parents, Hiram Dotson and Muina (*sic Malvina*) Poole"

Two known, possibly three, children:

1.- Enos Dotson, b. Oct 1894

2.- Leslie Dotson b. Aug 1896

3.- Girl Dotson who was m., lived for a time in the John Dotson house; later moved

to Baltimore.

m.- Daniel V. Dotson, b. 30 March 1867 (Hardesty⁹).

Enumerated in the household of his father Hiram S. Dotson in the census of Ritchie County: 1870 age 3, and in 1880, age 13.

Daniel was not found in the Ritchie or Doddridge indexes to marriages or deaths, nor 1900 or 1910 census; apparently died young or moved out of area after 1880.

n.- Thomas Dotson, b. 3 Jan 1869; d. 5 April 1958.

He m. June Taylor (dau. of Edmund Taylor Jr, and Ermany Jane Baker). They resided on Cabin Run, later at Toll Gate.

In the Toll Gate Cemetery:

THOMAS J. DOTSON, born 3 Jan 1869...died 5 April 1958

MRS. JUNE DOTSON, born 1 June 1889...died 3 Nov 1921. age 32yr. 5mo. 2da.

Enumerated in the household of his father Hiram S. Dotson, Ritchie Co. Census of 1870, age 1, and 1880, age 11.

From the Ritchie Co. Marriages: "(1908) Thomas Jefferson Dotson...Age 39...b. Ritchie..m. June Taylor...age 19...b. Ritchie."

In the Ritchie County Death Register, p. 110;

"Dotson Thomas Jefferson, male, white, widower, died Toll Gate, Apr 3 1958, age 89 - -, farmer, Rit. Co. WV, Parents Hiram Dotson, Melvina Poole."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Clay Dist 30 84 16 46:

Dotson Thomas	W	Jan 1870	30	WV
Mallie	Mother	July 1839	60	WV
Florence	Ni	Aug 1899	10 ?	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0168:

Dotson Thos J	H W	41	WV WV
Janie (June)	W	20	WV
Cecil D	S	Nr	WV
Melvina	M	74	WV
Taylor Ralph	BL	15	WV

Seven children:

1.- Cecil Dotson, m. Virginia Taylor, dau. of Oath Taylor. Oath Taylor, son of Silas Taylor; Silas son of Eli; Eli, son of Daniel, who had Revolutionary service. See *The Daniel Taylor Family* .¹⁰

One child:

(1) Ronald Dotson, m. a German girl. They have; Charlotte Dotson; Rene Dotson; and Kenneth Dotson.

2.- Carl Dotson, m. Juanita Fredrick. No children.

3.- Marie Dotson, m. Homer Dotson. (For Homer, see Chapter VII-9 Robert Dotson, and *The Gregg Family*.¹¹)

Three children:

(1) Linda Lou Dotson, m. Glen Jones. They have; Tammy LeDawn Jones; Rebecca Yvonne Jones; and Terry Jones.

(2) Bonnie Lee Dotson, m. Kenneth Grose. They have; Stephenie Kay Grose; Kevin Gale Grose; and Kenda Lee Grose.

(3) Roger Dean Dotson, m. Helen Richards. They have; Katrina Dotson.

4.- Mabel Dotson, m. John Chandler. One child:

(1) Evelyn Chandler, m. David Beeghley. They have; Randy Beeghley; and Ricky Beeghley.

5.- Mildred Dotson, m. Clifford Dotson. Clifford Dotson is a brother of Homer Dotson, above. No children.

6.- Clarence Dotson. Never married. Buried Toll Gate Cemetery.

"Clarence E Dotson WV PFC 745 Railway Opr. BN WWII Nov 2 1921 Nov 10 1948"

7.- Anna Belle Dotson, b. 4 Feb 1871. She m. Marion "Buke" Nutter.

See *History of Doddridge County, 1979*.¹²

Nine children:

(1) Oldest child died young.

(2) Darius Nutter, m. ____ Grey. One son. Died March 1983

(3) Willa Nutter, m.(1) ____ Murphy. Two children:

(3a) Sam Murphy.

(3b) Girl. She is m. and lives in Clarksburg.

(3) Willa Nutter, m. (2) Barrick. Had cigar factory in Pennsboro. No children

(3) Willa Nutter, m. (3) ____ Hornbeck.

(4) Dora Nutter. Never married.

(5) Earl Nutter (twin), m. _____. One adopted child.

(6) Paul Nutter (twin), m. _____. One son killed in auto accident. Maybe other children.

(7) Wonda Nutter, m. Herb Mayfield. No children.

(8) Leatha Nutter, m. Charles Zinn. One child:

(8a) Rose Ann Zinn, m. ____ Riggs.

(9) Ford Nutter. Died 1982. He was m. No known children.

2.- Lovisa Dotson, 1825-1875; m. James Taylor. This m. in Tyler Co.:

"30 July 1840...James Taylor and Louisa Dotson by George Monroe."

From Miss Lowther's *History of Ritchie County* ¹³:

"JAMES TAYLOR whose natal day was 7 Oct 1818, was a man of more than ordinary ability. He was one of the early sheriffs of the County and served as a member of the State Legislature. He resided on Lynn Camp, at Harrisville and finally went to Cornwallis, where death overtook him. But he rests in the Taylor burying ground on the old homestead. He was first m. to Miss Lovisa Dotson,"

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County:

Taylor James	32 (farmer)	born in Virginia
Lovica	25	
Victoria	7	
Henrietta	5	
Edward	3	
Rachel	5 months.	

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County (379-361):

Taylor James	42	sheriff	VA
Louisa	35		VA

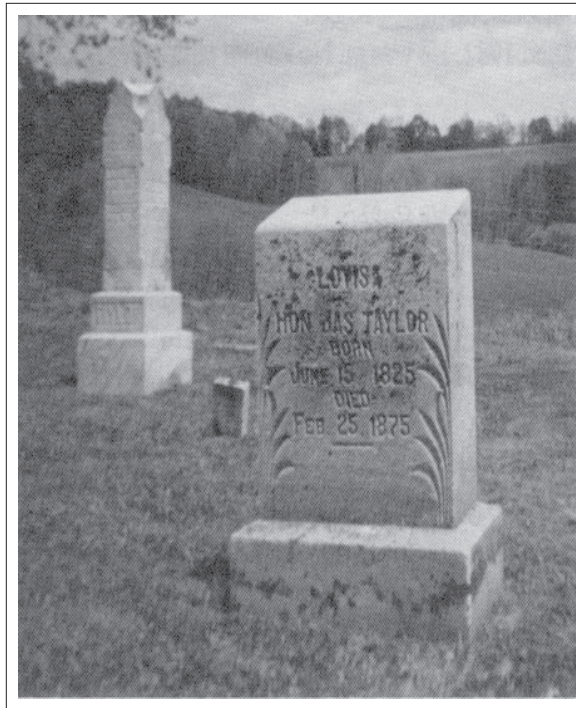
Henrietta	16	househand	VA
Edmund	14		VA
Rachel	10		VA
Lovina	8		VA
Lewis P	4		VA
James	1		VA

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (238-233):

Taylor James	51	merchant	VA
Louisa	45	housekeeper	VA
Louisa	18		VA
James	11		VA
Stonewall	3		VA

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 153 (Grant) 032:

Taylor James	WM	61	Farmer	VA VA VA
Emma	WF	31	Wife Keeping house	OH OH VA
Stonewall	WM	13	Son At home	WV VA OH
William G	WM	2	Son (by wife No. 2)	WV VA OH
McClane, Lucinda	WF	21	Serv. Housekeeper	OH OH OH



In the Taylor Cemetery:
LOVISA wife of Hon.
JAS. TAYLOR Born June
15, 1825 Died Feb 25, 1875
JAMES TAYLOR Born
Oct 7, 1818 Died Sept 23,
1893

**Lovisa Dotson Taylor
headstone in Taylor
Cemetery, near Lynn
Camp Ritchie County
WV.**

**Photo by Ruth Taylor Allen
1991**

Parents of eight children:

a.-Victoria Mariah Taylor, m. Horatio Nelson Wilson. For this family see, page 181, *Descendants of John Wilson*.¹⁴ Also see, *Horatio Nelson Wilson and Victoria Mariah Taylor*,¹⁵ by Linn Wilson.

b.-Hannah (Henrietta in 1850 and 1860 census) Taylor, m. Peter Broadwater, a son of Jefferson Broadwater and Mary Recknor; marriage record in Ritchie Co. ...30 Nov 1865...Peter Broadwater ..age 21...b. Allegheny Co., Md...Resident Ritchie...son of Jefferson and Mary....m. Hannah Taylor...Age 21...b. Ritchie...Dau. of James and Lovica (Lovisa Dotson); (Note: another Peter Broadwater b. 20 March 1820, a *brother* of Jefferson Broadwater, m. Love Taylor...Ritchie Marriage records...9 Oct 1845..Peter Broadwater m. Lovina Taylor...This is not the Peter that m. Hannah Taylor. This is his uncle) see, pages 10, 27, and 28 *Broadwater History*¹⁵ Two known children:

1.- The late Wheeler Broadwater of Pennsboro. This is the son of Peter that m. Hannah Taylor. This Peter Broadwater was a son of Thomas Jefferson Broadwater and Mary Recknor.

2.- Sarah Dolly Broadwater, m. Wayne Wilson. For this family, see page 188, *Descendants of John Wilson*.¹⁶

c.-Edward (Edmund) (E J ‘Doc’) Taylor. b. 1846 or 1847. Shown in the household of his father in the 1850 and 1860 census of Ritchie County.

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie (469-439):

Taylor	E J	24	Farmer	VA
C C	22	Hskpr	VA	
Milton	1		WV	

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 150 (Clay) 018:

Taylor	E J	WM	34	Farmer		WV	WV	WV
Cena	C	WF	33	Wife	Keeping house	WV	MD	MD
Milton		WM	11	Son	At home	WV	WV	WV
Visey		WF	7	Dau		WV	WV	WV
Alice		WF	4	Dau		WV	WV	WV
Tasker		WM	3	Son		WV	WV	WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay District 30 84 9 60:

Taylor	Edman J	W	Dec 1845	54	WV
Laura		W	Aug 1863	36	WV
Grover	C	S	Mar 1885	15	WV
Carrie	C	D	Aug 1887	12	WV
Opal		D	Dec 1890	9	WV
Phelps		S	Mar 1897	3	WV

From the 1910cCensus soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0177:

Taylor	Edman J	H	W	64	WV	WV
Laura			W	46	WV	
Opal			D	19	WV	
Phelps			S	13	WV	

E. J. ‘Doc’ Taylor, m(1) Aseneth Catherine Broadwater (dau. of Jefferson Broadwater). See, ‘Broadwater Family.’ Four known children:

1.- Milton (Gowin) Taylor (b. 1868, d. Aug 1926) lived at Pullman. was a

teamster, always having several teams in the oil and gas fields.

The following information on the Milton Taylor family, and photograph taken in the Taylor cemetery, were furnished to the author by Ruth Taylor Allen, grand-daughter of Milton Taylor and Etta Alice Wilson, 29 May 1991.

Milton was married twice. Married (1) Mary V. Miller of Doddridge Co.; married 1890. She died in child-birth before 1896. Milton and Mary V. Miller had three sons:

- (1) Shirley
- (2) Lawrence, died 1907 of diphtheria.
- (3) Clarence

Milton married (2) Etta Alice Wilson (b. 11 Nov 1877, d. 22 Feb 1981 at 103 years), dau. of Alfred A. Wilson and Mary Catherine Snodgrass Wilson. Milton and Etta had eight children:

- (4) William Bryant b. 1896 d. 1907 diphtheria
- (5) Thelma C. b. 1899 d. 1907 diphtheria
- (6) Frank b. 21 March 1902 d. 23 Jan 1976 (6) m.(1) 10 July 1920, Ninnie Elizabeth McCarty (b. 19 Feb 1900, d. 13 Dec 1967); parents of four children;
 - (6a) Robert Lee b. 13 Aug 1921 Pullman, Ritchie County, WV
 - (6b) Ruth Marie b. 26 May 1923 Pullman, Ritchie County, WV
 - (6c) Eleanor Ann b. 5 May 1925 Pullman, Ritchie County, WV
 - (6d) Charles Frank b. 12 Dec 1928 Akron, Ohio
- (6) Frank Taylor m. (2) Beatrice Peteau (French, b. in Canada). One child;
- (6e) John Milton Taylor b. 2 Aug 1949 (legally changed his name to John Taylor Allen).

- (7) Bess b. 26 March 1906 living 1991 m. Albert Long; four children;
 - (7a) James
 - (7b) Robert
 - (7c) Rosalie
 - (7d) Caroline
- (8) Mary Nell b. 23 May 1912 living 1991; m. Bennie Ells; no children
- (9) Milton O. b. 6 Dec 1909 living 1991 m. Wilma Clevenger; one child
 - (9a) Ronald
- (10) Pauline b. 27 Nov 1916 living 1991 m. Alva Kirk; four children;
 - (10a) Joy
 - (10b) Sherri
 - (10c) Linda
 - (10d) Jeff
- (11) Lorena (Teenie) b. 31 Mar 1920 d.18 April 1990 m. Lawrence Nestor; two children;
 - (11a) Melanie
 - (11b) David

2.- Visey Taylor, b. ca. 1773, m. ___ Snodgrass. He was a mail carrier.

3.- Carrie Catherine (Alice) Taylor, b. ca. 1776 m. Charley Wilson. For this family, see page 134, *Descendants of John Wilson*.

4.- "Tat" Tasker Taylor. b. ca. 1777, very large man. lived on Lynn Camp. He m. a Cross. Three known children:

- (1) "Tom" Taylor. Died at Williamstown.
- (2) Raymond Taylor, m. ___ Cornell. He is dead (1982).

(3) ___ Taylor, m. Herman Pool. Lives at West Union, W.Va.
c.- E. J. "Doc" Taylor, m (2) Layune (Laura) Shuttlesworth.

Four children:

5.- Grover C Taylor, b. Mar 1885

6.- Carrie C Taylor, b. Aug 1887.

7.- Opal Taylor, b. Dec 1890.

8.- Phelps Taylor, b. March 1897, father of Phelps Taylor Jr., present postmaster at Pennsboro, W.Va. (1983).

d.- Rachel Taylor, b. 1850; m. Ocran Corbin of Pennsboro. For their children see Minnie Kendall Lowther's *Ritchie County in History and Romance* p. 430-431.

e.- Lovina Taylor, b. 1852; m. Patrick Monohan of Cairo¹⁸.

f.- Phelps (Lewis P) Taylor. b. 1846 Died in childhood (between 1860 and 1870)

g.- James Taylor, b. 1859 m. Susannah Belle Wilson. dau. of Barton Hudkins ('Bail') Wilson and Sarah Jane McGregor. For this family, see page 187, "Descendants of John Wilson."

h.- Stonewall Taylor, b. 1867, of Parkersburg.

James Taylor married (2) Emma Windham:

This marriage in Ritchie County: "22 Aug 1876...James Taylor... widow...age 50...b. Harrison...resident Ritchie...m. Emma Windham... age 27...b. Ohio...he, son of Edmund and Rachel...she, dau. of John and Rebecca."One known child: William G. b. ca. 1878

3.- Granville Dotson, b. 1827. This m. in Rit. Co.:

"26 Nov 1846...Granville Dotson & Sarah Cross by Eli Riddle".

From the 1850 Census of VA; Ritchie Co. (571-171):

Dotson Granville	23	Farmer	VA
Sarah	19		VA
Emaretta	3		VA

These births in Ritchie County (also in Mormon IGI):

"Josephine Dotson Nov 15, 1854 parents Granville Dotson"

"John Dotson Nov 23(1) 1856 parents Granville Dotson"

"They went west where they sleep and where their descendants live." Lowther, p. 143

From the 1860 census of Missouri, Adair Co. p 124 Clay Twp. Wilmothville PO Dwl. 1002 Fam. 813:

Dotson Granville	33	M	Farmer	\$1070	VA
Sarah	28	F			VA cannot read or write
Emmeretta	12	F			VA attending school
Eveline	9	F			VA
Martha E	7	F			VA attending school
Lafsis?	5	M			VA
John	3	M			VA
Emanuel	1/12	M			Mo
Glena Calhoun	19	F			VA

Note; in 1860 neighbors of Granville Dotson in Adair County were Eli B. and Margaret Tucker (Chap. VII-1), Nelson Tucker (Eli's son) (Chap. VII-1) and J F and Mary

A Kelley (Chap.V-4). None of these families were found in the 1870 census of Adair County Missouri; but other Dotson relatives from West Virginia were living there, e.g. Lloyd Dotson, Thomas Poole and Jasper Wilson (Chap. V-2)

From the Nebraska soundex 1900 vol 6 ED 40 sh 3 line 97 Cedar Co, Precinct 14:

Dotson, Emanuel W	Apr 1866	34	Missouri
Harman, Ida	Sister Feb 1875	25	Nebraska

Note; this Emanuel Dotson may or may not be the son of Granville Dotson and Sarah Cross b. 1860, per the 1860 census above; the state of birth "Missouri" fits but the age is off by six years (however not uncommon in census records).

From Minnie Kendall Lowther: "John Cross, brother of Nimrod, born 1808, made a pioneer settlement on the Hooker Wilson Farm on Beeson (Ritchie Co.),.....he made his will on July 15, 1886, ...he mentions the following children:.....*Sarah*, wife of Granville Dotson..."¹⁸

According to information provided by Jean Wilson (1986) Sarah Cross' mother was Katherine Jemima Prunty, who married John Cross on 2 Dec 1829; she died before 1865 and is buried in the Wilson Cemetery at Beeson Ritchie County.

Six or seven known children of Granville and Sarah Cross Dotson:

a.- Emeretta b. ca. 1847 No other information.

b.- Eveline b. ca. 1851

c.- Martha E b. ca. 1853

d.- Josephine b. Nov 15, 1854. (Listed in Mormon IGI, bap. 14 June 1978, Provo, UT)
(may be same as Martha E)

e.- Lafsis? (male)b. ca. 1855

f.- John b. 23 (1) Nov, 1856 (Listed in Mormon IGI, bap. 13 June 1978, Provo, UT)

g.- Emanuel b. 1860 (see note above)

4.- John W. Dotson, b. 1829; m. Amy Poole.

From the 1850 census of VA; Rit. Co.:

Dotson, John W	21. .	Farmer b. Virginia
Amy	18	
Enoch C.	6 months.	

From the 1860 census of VA; Rit. Co. (641-606) (one family prior to Hiram S. Dodson, 642-607):

Dodson, John W.	30	Farmer	b. VA
Amy B	29		VA
Enos B	11		VA
Arygha (m)	9		VA
Adorthy E	6		VA
Arzannath	4		VA
Simon	2		VA

These births in Ritchie Co.:

1853 12 Nov, Austin, parents John W. Dotson (Mormon IGI bap. 13 June 1978 Provo UT)

1855 May 4th, Adortha Dotson parents John W. and Martha Dotson.

1856....Martha Dotson, parent J W Dotson

1859 6 Dec Simon Launtz; parents John Wesley Dotson/Amy Bull Poole. Toll Gate, Ritchie Co. ((Mormon IGI bap 27 Mar 1981 Idaho Falls)

1861 Ira, parents John W. and Amy, (Mormon IGI bap. 13 June 1978 Provo UT)

From the Ritchie Co. Death Register, p. 1: "Dotson Austin ...Nov 30 1853...Cabin run.. Croup...18 days...father Jno W. ...Pendleton Co."

John W. Dotson served in the Civil War attached to the 6th WV Infantry Volunteers. When mustered out 1863 John W. Dotson, private.¹⁹

(NOTE; a John W. Dotson (Co. E 6th Inf.) was one (with John S. 'Spencer' Dotson) whose W Va. Civil War Medal had not been claimed as of May 1992 in Charleston.)

They went to Minnesota many years ago, but they now live in California (1911)." Lowther, p. 143²⁰

They evidently moved from the Ritchie-Doddridge area between 1861 and 1870; not enumerated in 1870 or 1880 census of Ritchie or Doddridge.

From the 1900 California Census (Vol 42 E.D. 93 Sh 7 Line 41); Residence Santa Cruz Soquel Twp.:

Dotson, John W White b. Mar 1829 age 71 bp West Virginia

Amy B Wife b. Sept 1831 age 68 bp WV

From the California 1910 Soundex Santa Cruz 113 0123 0298:

Dotson John W H W 81 WVA Calif

Amy B W 78 Virginia

From the 1920 census soundex of California; Santa Cruz 124 226 2 88: Santa Cruz; Caledonia

Dotson John W W 90 WV

Duatcher Dorthey E D 65 WV

also from the 1920 census soundex of California;

Santa Cruz Co 124 226 2 34; Santa Cruz; 49 South Branuforte:

Dotson, E P W 69 VA

Emma W 66 Indiana

It is believed that this E P Dotson is the Enoch or Enos Dotson, son of John W. and Amy Poole Dotson b. ca. 1850.

No other Dotsons with bp West Virginia were found in the California census index for 1870, 1880 or 1900.

For children of John W and Amy B Dotson, see 1860 census and birth records above (not entirely reconciled).

CHAPTER V-2

JOHN DOTSON.

From Miss Lowther's history of Ritchie County, p.143²¹:

"JOHN DOTSON (brother of Emanuel 2nd), m. Miss Susan Sears, (SAYERS) sister of Hannah Sears Dotson (wife of Emanuel), for his first wife; and his second was Miss Mahala Myers. He, too, settled across the Doddridge County line, but removed to the Harrisville vicinity in the ante-bellum days, and there he rests. His children; Oliver, Lloyd, Mrs. Minerva Stinespring; Mrs. Cindona (Daniel) Malone; Clinton; Leeman; (John) Noble; and Rufus Dotson."

From her revised history of Ritchie County²² (note changes from first edition in italics):

“JOHN DOTSON, *brother of Emmanuel, born 1800, was first married to Miss Susan Sears, sister of his brother’s wife and they settled on the Doddridge County side, where Mrs. Dotson died, after some years.* He then married Miss Mahala Myers, and removed to the Harrisville vicinity in the antebellum days, where he rests. His children: Oliver, Lloyd, Mrs. Minerva Stinespring, *Cindona, Mrs. Daniel Malone;* Clinton, Lehman, *Mary S., Noble, and Rufus Dotson.*

Susanna Sayre was the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Sayre, who lived on Middle Island Creek, Tyler County (prior to formation of Doddridge County). See verification of this under foregoing section “Emanuel Dotson” who married Hannah Sayre, Susanna’s sister.

In his two volume book on the genealogy of the Dodson-Dotson family, the Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr. includes a section on Richard Dotson and his descendents compiled from information sent to him; one version was contributed by Edythe McKinstry Gaston of Denver, CO in 1969; she applied for membership in the DAR on May 13, 1963 using Richard Dotson Sr. (1752-1847) as her patriot ancestor. (Application No. 495587); she descended from Richard, Sr. via William, Sr., John, and John Noble, to her mother Agnes Isabell who married her father LeRoy Edwin McKinstry in 1914. Her major contribution, was of course, on the family of her great-grand-father John Dotson, and the reader is invited to read her write-up in the cited reference²³. In this chapter, references to this source are made to supplement other independently derived information.

From the 1830 census of Wood County:

Dotson, John...males; 1 under 5; 1 30 to 40. females; 2 20-30 .

This means that he m. (1) between 1825 and 1830.

Could the second female, 20-30, be his sister, Mary Ann who married James F. Kelly? (See below)

From the 1840 census of Harrison County:

Dotson, John...males; 1 5-10, 1 10-15, 2 20-30, 1 40-50: females; 1 under 5, 1 30-40. Obviously not all of the males were John and Susan’s children.

Names appearing on deeds in Tyler County:

“1839...John Dotson and Susannah Dotson.”

On Dec 30, 1842, the heirs of Benjamin Sayre were granted 100 acres of land in Harrison Co. on a branch of Arnold Creek adjoining a corner of Gratz’s survey... heirs named were *Hannah and Susanna Dotson*, Solomon Sayre, Squire Sayre, Hiram Sayre, and Mary Kenney. This indicates that Susanna was still living at the end of 1842.

John Dotson was a prominent land broker in Tyler, Doddridge and Ritchie Counties; for on the above land grant, and much other information concerning John Dotson’s land holding and dealings, the reader is referred to the book *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865) in the Present Day Counties of Ritchie, Doddridge, Tyler West Virginia* by James M. Dotson 1988.²⁴

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County (Fam. No. 198):

Dotson, John 50 (farmer) born in Virginia

Mahala (second wife) 40

Lloyd	15	
Minerva	13	
Sindonia	10	
(The following children by wife No. 2:)		
Dotson, Clinton	6	VA
Leaman	4	
Mary S.	2	
Dougherty, Mary A.	18	VA

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge County (760-761):

Dotson Jno	60 M	Farmer VA (Real est. \$1000, pers. prop. \$300)
Mahala	50 F	
Sudona	16 F	
Lemon	14 M	
Mary	12 F	
Clinton	16 M	
John N	9 M	
Rufus	6 M	

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (330-330):

Dotson John	70	Ret farmer b.VA
Mahala	60	Hskpr VA
Miller Henry	30	Farmer Nassau
Mary S	21	Hskpr VA
H Grant	2	WV
Nora V	1	WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co 149 (Union) 034, in the household of Henry Miller:

Miller Henry P	WM	42	Farmer	GR GR GR (Germany)
Mary	WF	32	wife Keeping house	VA VA VA
Herman G	WM	12	son Farmer	WV GR VA
Laura V	WF	10	Dau At Home	WV GR VA
Anna L	WF	8	Dau	WV GR VA
Jessie Ellen	WF	2	Dau	WV GR VA
Infant	WF	2/12	Dau	WV GR VA
Dotson Mahaly	WF	70	(mother-in-law)	VA VA VA

In the Ritchie Co. Deaths p. 36: Feb 15, 1880 John Dotson pl. of death Ritchie; no age given; cause of death, parents, where born, occupation consort, all listed as unknown; reported by H. P. Miller, a friend (his son-in-law)

In the Harrisville I.O.O.F. Cemetery:

JOHN DOTSON, Feb 5, 1800...Feb 25, 1880; aged 80 years; 20 days.
HOWARD LEE DOTSON, d. May 28, 1906, aged 13 years.

The four children of John Dotson and Susan Sayers:

1.-Oliver Dotson, b. 1830. (Oliver a child of John and Susan Dotson according to Lowther)

This marriage in Doddridge County (Bk.1-p.15): "30 May 1850...Oliver Dotson and Sarah Fleming by William Sexsmith." Sarah Fleming, b. ca 1835.

From 1850 census of Doddridge County, family of John Fleming; “Oliver Dotson, 20 and Sarah Dotson 15.”

From the Index and Register of Births- Doddridge County, p. 237 (Bk 1-p.11):

“Dec 17, 1858; Dotson, Hiram M; Parents, Olive(r) and Sarah Dotson”

After the birth of their son Hiram M. Dotson in 1858, no subsequent record has been found of Oliver and Sarah. From a contribution by Edythe McKinstry Gaston of Denver, CO in 1969 to the Silas Lucas’ Dotson history²⁵, p. 1178, the following additional information was obtained;

The children of John (Squire) Dotson were given as:

a. Capt. Oliver Dotson- b. 25 July 1830; d. 1900; m. Sarah Fleming. Their children were:

1. Columbia Cachelin - b. 1 July 1853; d. 6 April 1929; m. a Wolfe.
2. Sarah Dotson - b. 25 July 1875; m. a Cooper.
3. Virginia Dotson
4. Ely Dotson
5. Oliver Dotson
6. Clinton Dotson
7. Edward Dotson
8. John Dotson
9. Hiram Dotson
10. Lawrence Dotson

No further information

2.- Lloyd Dotson, b. 1835. In the household of his father John, 1850 census, age 15.

Lowther from her revised history of Ritchie County²⁶:

“...RECORD OF COMPANY E, SIXTH WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS,.....Discharged:-1862- Lloyd Dotson,1st lieutenant;....”

From Lucas, p. 1178, account of Edythe McKinstry Gaston of Denver, CO in 1969: Lloyd Dotson was b. 16 July 1833; served briefly in the Civil War as First Lieutenant in Co. E. of the 6th Regt., W. Va. Inf. Volunteers. This company was composed of men from Ritchie and Preston Counties, located at Pennsboro, and was organized with Larkin Pierpoint as Captain, commissioned Oct 3 1861. Lloyd Dotson resigned on 15 Jan 1862 and George M Ireland replaced him. His children were:

a. Sheridan (called Shedd) Dotson- his children: (a) Ora Dotson, (b) Jerry Dotson, (c) Genevieve Dotson (d) son and (e) daughter.

b. Cora Dotson- m. a Barker.

In my notes; “Lloyd Dotson’s wife, Sarah Ann Dotson.”

From the Missouri 1870 census Adair Co. Township 64, Range 13 Wilmothville PO 10 10:

Dodson Loyd	37	MW	Farmer \$2000	1000	VA
Sarah	33	FW	Keeping house		VA
Craig A*	14	MW	Assisting in farm		VA
Sindona	12	FW	at home att. sch.		MO
Florence	9	FW	at home att sch.		MO
Clinton L	6	MW	at home		MO

Mary	4	FW		MO
Sheridan	2	MW	at home	MO
Lillie C	5/12	FW	b. Jany.	MO

From the 1880 census soundex of Missouri: Adair Co Clay Twp 1 144 28 21:

Dodson, Loyd	WM	46	VA
Sarah	W	44	VA
Clinton	S	16	MO
Mary	D	14	MO
Phillip	S	12	MO
Cora	D	10	MO
John	S	6	MO

From the 1880 census soundex of Missouri; Adair Co Clay Twp 1 144 28:

*Dodson Craig	WM	24	VA
Sarah	W	23	MO
Clara	D	3	MO

3.- Minerva Dotson, b. 3 Jan 1836.

In the household of her father John Dotson in the 1850 census, age 13.

This marriage record in Doddridge County:

“25 January 1855...Manervy (Minerva) Dotson, 17...single...b. Wood Co...res. Dodd. Co...parents, John Dotson & Susan; and William Stinespring, 24...single...born Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co... Parents, ohn and Mary.”

In the 1860 census of Doddridge Co. WV; 558 West Union PO, 080 5342, 659 650:

Wm T (or L) Stinespring	30	M	b VA
Meneva	22	F	VA
Anaus?	3	F	VA
Sendona	1	F	VA

From the 1900 census soundex of Nebraska; 14 58 4 13 Douglas Co. Omaha No. 40th St 5118:

Steinspring Minerva	W	Jan 1836	64	VA
Oliver	S	May 1869	31	VA
John	S	Jan 1875	25	NE
Dra	D	Dec 1878	21	NE

From this information William and Minerva Stinespring moved from West Virginia to Nebraska sometime after the birth of their son Oliver May 1869 and that of John, Jan 1875.

4.- Cindona Dotson, b. 1840, 1842, or 1844.

In the household of her father John Dotson, 1850 census “Sindonia 10”, and in the 1860 census “Sudona 16 F”

This m. in Ritchie County: “17 January 1866...Samuel S. Malone, 21...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, James and Susannah; and Sindonah (Cindona) Dotson, 24... single...b. Harrison Co...res. Rit. Co...parents, John & Susan by Isaac Holland.”

In the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 150 (Clay) 003:

Malone, Samuel	WM	36	Miller	WV OH OH
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Sidonah	WF	34	Wife	Keeping House	WV WV PA
Susan	WF	13	Dau	At home	WV WV WV
Clara	WF	2	Dau		WV WV WV
Dotson, Clinton	(s) WM	36	Boarder (bil)	Wagonmaker	WVWVPA

Note: Clinton Dotson, half-brother of Cindona living in household

John Dotson, m (2) Mahala Myers. This marriage in Ritchie County:

“11 June 1843...John Dotson & Mahala Myers by L. T. Henderson.”

Parents of five children.

5.- Clinton Dotson, b. 1844.

In the household of his father John Dotson in the 1850 census (age 6) and the 1860 census (age 16).

In Miss Minnie Kendall Lowther's *Ritchie County in History and Romance* 1990, p. 223²⁷ “RECORD OF COMPANY E, SIXTH WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS, when mustered out, 1863:.....Privates.....*Clinton Dotson*, John W. Dotson, Lehman Dotson,.....

Clinton not in index to 1870 census of WV. In 1880 census of Ritchie County (CO03), residing in household of Samuel Malone; Dotson, Clinton(s) WM 36 boarder, wagonmaker, WV WV PA. Note above, Cindona Dotson Malone (Mrs. Samuel) was Clinton's half-sister.

From Ritchie Marriages: “15 May 1884...Clinton Dotson...age 40...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie... m. Mary J. Fry...age 27...b. Greene Co. PA...res. Ritchie.”

Clinton and Mary apparently didn't bother to report their children's births, as two were recorded later in the Ritchie Delayed Births; both records contain a lot of family information

In 1942, Clinton Earl Dotson applied for a birth certificate: b. 4 Sept 1894, at Harrisville; father Clinton Dewitt Dotson P.O. West Union, b. p. West Union, farmer white age 50 at time child was born; mother Mary Jane Fry P.O. Waynesburg, Pa. bp. Waynesburg, Pa., housewife white age 39 at time child was born; five children born to mother before and including this child, none died before this child born; certified by Claude R. Dotson, brother, 4-6-42.

In 1954, Wilbur Floyd Dotson applied; b. April 13th, 1890 at Harrisville; father Clinton Dotson P.O. Harrisville, farmer white age 46 at time child was born; mother Mary Jane Fry P.O. Harrisville, b.p. near Waynesburg Pa. housewife, white age 36 at time child was born; three children born to this mother up to and including this child, none dead before child was born; certified by Mrs. May Darnold*, sister, 4-1-54.

Then on May 6, 1956, Clinton Earl Dotson again applied on his own certification: b. Sept 4, 1894 at Harrisville, Ritchie Co.; father Clinton Dotson PO. Harrisville, b.p. Virginia; mother Mary Jane Fry, PO. Harrisville, b.p. Penna.

In the 1890 West Virginia Veterans Census Index (Index Publishing 1986):

“Dotson Clinton, Ritchie, Union Dist. SD 1 ED 153 (census not examined)”

In the 1900 census soundex of WV; 30 85 1 1 Ritchie Clay Dist.

Dotson Clinton	W	May 1844	56	WV
Mary J	Wife	Nov 1856	43	Pa
Claude R	Son	Jan 1885	15	WV
Emma M*	Dau	May 1888	12	WV

Wilber F	Son	Apr 1890	10	WV
Howard L	Son	Dec 1892	7	WV
Clinton E	Son	Sept 1894	5	WV
Fry, Aaron	Fl(father in law)	Sept 1824	75	Pa
Jane	MI(mother in law)	May 1818	82	Pa

and in the 1910 census soundex: Ritchie 036 0066 0001:

Dotson Clinton	H W	65	WV WV
Mary J	W	55	Penn
Claude R	S	24	WV
Emma M*	D	22	WV
Wilber F	S	20	WV
Clinton E	S	15	WV

*This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "21 June 1911....Okey J. Darnold...age 26...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie...m. May Dotson...age 23...b. Ritchie."

Clinton and Mary J. Fry Dotson were parents of the five children listed in the 1900 census above.

Ritchie Co. Deaths (1919-1970) p.100; "Dotson Clinton, Pennsboro RFD1, male, widowed, married, d. Oct 15 1923, age 79 yr 5mo 14da., farmer, b. Va, father John Dotson, b. Va.: mother Susan Sears (Sayers), b. Va: cause of death, angina pectoris, reported by Odie Jones"

6.- Leaman Dotson, b. 1846; d. 1909.

In the household of his father John Dotson in the 1850 census (age 4) and in the 1860 census (Lemon age 14).

From Lowther's revised history of Ritchie Co. 28" RECORD OF COMPANY E, SIXTH WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS, when mustered out, 1863:.....Privates.....Clinton Dotson, John W. Dotson, *Lehman Dotson*,.....

From the 1880 census of WV; Pleasants Co:

Dotson Leeman	WM	34	Wagon Mkr.	VA VA PA
Ella	WF	33	W Housekeeper	VA
Lenora	WF	6	D	WV VA VA
Vernetie	WF	4	D	WV VA VA
Emma	WF	2	D	WV VA VA
Ella	WF	8/12	D Sept 1879	WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of Ohio: 44 34 3 14 Delaware Genoa Twp:

Dotson Leeman	W	Nov 1845	54	VA
Ella	W	June 1846	53	VA
Palmer Lenora D	W?	Dec 1873	26	VA
Emery M	S	Dec 1877	22	VA
Oliver T	S	Sep 1879	20	VA
Oahlo L	D	Oct 1883	16	VA

No other information.

7.- Mary S. Dotson, b. 26 April 1848; d. 27 Aug 1941.

In the household of her father John Dotson in the 1850 census (age 2), the 1860 census

(age 12), and the 1870 census under her married name Mary S. Miller (age 21); in 1880, age 32, wife of Henry Miller. (see preceding 1880 census for Miller children)

This marriage in Ritchie Co.:

“11 Oct 1866...Henry Miller, 25...single...b. Kasae, Germany... res. Rit. Co...Parents, John T. H. and Milles; m. Mary Dotson, 19... single...b. Rit. Co...Parents. John and Mahala.”

Information from Lucas²⁹ was that a son-in-law (of John and Mahala Dotson) Henry P. Miller, tried to work the farm (near Harrisville) for a few more years, but found that it was unprofitable and so gave it up; he then moved his family and his aging mother-in-law to Nebraska in 1882.

8.- John A. (Noble) Dotson, b. 1851

In the household of his father John Dotson in the 1860 census (age 9), and in 1870 in the household of George W. Thomas (John N. Dotson, laborer, born VA, age 19 years)

This marriage in Ritchie Co. “1874 OR 1875...John A. Dotson, 23...SINGLE...b. Dodd. Co...res. Tyler Co...Parents, John & Mahala; and Annie L. Garner, 16... single...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents I. C. & Sarah A. by John Rexroad.”

From the census soundex of Nebraska 1900; 25 145 9 14 Lincoln Co Sutherland Pct

Dodson John M.	W	May 1851	49	West Va.
Anna L	W	Jan 1859	41	WV
Leslie W	S	July 1882	17	NE
Clara D	D	Oct 1885	15	NE
Bessie I	D	Feb 1888	12	NE
Mamie I	D	Feb 1890	10	NE
Agnes I	D	Feb 1892	8	NE
Mahala	D	Mar 1894	6	NE
Leo J	S	Sept 1898	1	NE
Garner, Ellis	B.L	July 1861	38	WV

Note: for further information on John Noble Dotson, see DAR Application of his grand-daughter Edythe McKinsty Gaston, No. 495587, May 13, 1963; also her contribution to Lucas³⁰ which said that they moved west in the latter part of 1880, settling in Blair, NE; then later in the northwest corner of Nebraska in Sheridan Co.; names fifteen children; also grand-children.

9.- Rufus Dotson, b. 1854 or 1855.

In the household of his father John Dotson in the 1860 Ritchie census (age 6); in the 1870 Ritchie Census in the family of Charles S. Martin, 31, saddler; Rufus Dotson 16 b. VA, appr. saddler

This marriage in Tyler Co.: “20 Dec 1874...Rufus Dotson, 20...b. Dodd. Co...and Mary E. Welch, 17...born Barbour Co. by Davis Meredith.”

She is probably a descendant of Isaih Welch and Rachel Ingram. I cannot find her name in *West Virginia Welch Family* by Mrs. Robert Butcher of Glenville, W.Va.³¹

In the Doddridge Co. WV census of 1880; 124 007;

Dotson	Rufus	WM	25	Saddle & harness mkr WV VA PA
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Mollie	WF	22	Wife	Keeping house	WV VA VA
Gracie L	WF	4	Dau		WV WV WV
John G	WM	2	Son		WV WV WV
not named	WM	4/12	Son (Jan 1880)		WV WV WV
not named	WM	4/12	Son (Jan 1880)		WV WV WV

CHAPTER V-3. NANCY DOTSON.

Nancy Dotson was evidently one of the older children, probably born before 1806, which fits the age groups given in the 1810 and 1820 census for her father William Sr. The only evidence we have that Nancy was a daughter of William Dotson Sr. and Mary Franks is that of Minnie Kendall Lowther. From Miss Lowther's *History of Ritchie County*³², p. 142: "Nancy (Mrs. Griggs)." (Note...Griggs is probably Gregg). Also see *The Gregg Family*,³³ page 11; 1 and 2 are John and George Gregg, both probably born between 1800 and 1806.

Nancy Dotson likely married either John or George Gregg. We have no information of either John or George Gregg.

CHAPTER V-4 MARY ANN DOTSON

Mary Ann Dotson, b. ca. 1824 or 1828 m. James F. Kelley.

This marriage in Tyler County, Book I, p. 52; "Kelly, James F. and Ann Dotson 2 December 1840 by Samuel Archbold"

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County: Fam. No. 199:

James F. Kelley	29	M W	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Mary A(nn)	22	F W		VA
Lowman	8	M W		VA
Jacintha	6	F W		VA
Alston	3	M W		VA
Louisa J.	6/12	F W		VA

From the 1860 census of Missouri; Adair County, p. 124 Clay Twp. Wilmothville PO (north-central part of Missouri) 1001 812:

J F Kelley	39	M	Farmer	\$4000	\$4000	PA
Mary A	36	F				VA
Leman	19	M	att sch			VA
Centhia	16	F	cannot read or write			VA
Adsalon? (Alston)	14	M	att sch			VA
Louisa	10	F	att sch			VA
Charles	4	M				VA
Floyd	3	M				VA
Arnold?	1	M				VA

In 1850 William Dotson (Sr.) deeded James F Kelley a one-eighth interest in a 200 acre tract of land on Dotson Run in Doddridge County;

“Dotson, William to James F Kelley, One-eight interest 200 acres(Vol 2, p. 267, 28 May 1850, rec. 26 Sept 1853), in consideration of one dollar and in consideration of natural affection the said William Dotson doth grant unto the said James F Kelley the one eight part of an undivided tract or parcel of land of two hundred acres more or less situated on Dotson Run Doddridge County it being the same land now occupied by the said William Dotson.....”

This death in Ritchie County: “Dec 25, 1868; James A Kelley age 49yr 6mo 20da, bp VA Parents Clayton and June Kelly, rept Mary Ann Kelly, wife”

Parents of children listed in above census of 1850 and 1860.

CHAPTER V-5.

ELIZABETH DOTSON

Elizabeth Dotson, b. 27 May 1807. (b. 1814 per headstone in Ruley Cemetery, d. Aug 1874 age 60 yrs) She m. Lloyd Ruley, 6 Oct 1831 in Belmont Co., Ohio.

From Hardesty's history of Doddridge County, 1883³⁴:

“LLOYD RULEY...is a native of Ohio, born in Harrison Co., Oct 5, 1811. He was a son of John and Margaret (Selby) Ruley, now deceased, his father, a native of Conn. In Belmont Co., Ohio, Oct 6, 1831, Lloyd Ruley and *Elizabeth Dotson* were joined in wedlock, and their children were nine: Margaret J., b. July 20, 1832 and d. in 1864; Flavius Joseph, July 29, 1834; Sophronia, 1836; Mary Jane, 1838; d. when about 3 years old; Daniel C., 1840; Cynthia 1842; Thama 1844; Granville 1846 and Octavia d. in infancy. *Elizabeth*, wife of Mr. Ruley was b. in what is now Dodd. Co., a dau. of William and Mary Franks Dotson, early settlers of this vicinity, and now deceased. Her birth was the 27 of May 1807, and she d. at Salina City, Kansas, July 7, 1877. Lloyd Ruley made his home in Dodd. Co., in 1841, and for many years was one of the most energetic and successful business men of the County. He is now retired from active life, leaving to his sons, Flavius J. and Daniel C. the control of his business interests. They have three sawmills now in active operation, with about thirty miles of tramway, have a store of general merchandise on their property at Sunnyside, own and control about 1808 acres of land, and employ an average of the year around not less than 40 men. In the spring of 1883 they had on hand one million feet of lumber, sawed and piled, in which were poplar logs 4 to 5 feet in diameter. Varied and extensive as are their business interests, they are men fully qualified for their successful management. Flavius J. was a soldier in the 1861 war, in the 7th Virginia Infantry, serving 3 years, for much of the time as a dispatch bearer for Col. Core. Lloyd R. Ruley is a family of remarkable longevity. His father lived to the age of 102 and his maternal grandmother, Sarah (Benson) Selby, d. at the age of 105 years. The family p. o. address is West Union, Doddridge Co., W. Va.”

This family built the famous Ruley House, that stood where the four lane Route 50 and Central Station Road now intersect. This house was three stories with a basement and was built of walnut lumber. Supposed to have been a Station on the Underground Railroad, before and during the Civil War. A man from Clarksburg bought this house from a Mr. Maxwell. He tore it down, took the lumber to Clarksburg, and built four houses from the lumber. This house was a tavern. The Jaco tavern had such a bad reputation that travelers were afraid to stay there, so that is the reason the Ruley house was built.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County (indexed and annotated by Mary Davis Atkinson, 1989) Family No. 10:

Ruley, Lloyd	38	MW	Carpenter	bp.Ohio
Elizabeth (Dotson)	41	FW		VA
Margaret A	17	FW		VA
Flavius J.(osephus)	15	MW		VA
Sophronia P.	14	FW		VA
Daniel C.	12	MW		VA
Cynthia	9	FW		VA
Fanny R.(Thama)	8	FW		VA
Granville	5	MW		VA

(Mary Jane,dec'd)

(Octavia, d. infancy)

Annotation by Mary Davis Atkinson to her 1850 Census of Doddridge Co.:

"Family found in 1860 census. Lloyd Ruley married 6 Oct 1831, in Belmont County, Ohio, Elizabeth Dotson, daughter of William and Mary (Franks) Dotson (formerly of Doddridge/Ritchie area, near Tollgate.) Elizabeth Dotson was born 22 May 1807 in what is (now) Doddridge County (d. 7 July 1877, at Salina City, Kansas.). At the time of her birth her parents were living in (then) Wood Co., WV, in the part which became Ritchie County, WV in 1843, and Doddridge County, in 1845.) Ref. H. H. Hardesty Sketches: Lloyd Ruley, Flavius J. and Daniel C. Ruley, Dodd. Co. Hist."

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge Co. (House 761, Family 762):

Ruly Lloyd	48	M	Farmer Real est. \$3000 Per.\$950 b.Ohio
Eliz.	50	F	OH
Josephus	27	M	OH
D (Daniel)	21	M	OH
Margaret	28	F	OH
Fuma (Thama)	18	F	OH
Granville	16	M	VA

Note: Adjacent Family No. 761 was Jno and Mahala Dotson (Jno brother of Elizabeth); no. 763 was T D Scott and Jacintha (Jacintha was sister of Elizabeth)

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge, Central Twp., West Union PO 144-144:

Ruley Lloyd	59	MW	Farmer RE \$4000 Pers.\$700 b.p.	Ohio
Elizabeth	61	FW	keeping house	VA
F. Josephus	34	MW	farmer \$3000 \$2245	Ohio
Daniel	29	MW	farmer \$3000 \$2245	Ohio

In the 1880 census, Lloyd Ruly, 68, carpenter, living in the household of his son Daniel (see under Daniel Ruly).

In the Ruley Cemetery, Ruley Church Arnold Creek (above Central Station)

Lloyd Ruley d. Dec 27, 1884 age 74 yrs

Elizabeth L. Ruley d. Aug—, 1874 age 60 yrs.

The discrepancy should be noted between the death date for Elizabeth of Aug 1874 on the head-stone, and that given by Hardesty of July 7, 1877 in Salina Kansas.

Lloyd Ruley and Elizabeth Dotson were the parents of 9 children:

1.- Margaret J. Ruley, b. 20 July 1832; d. 1868. In the household of her father Lloyd Ruley in the 1850 census of Doddridge County, "Margaret A 17 FW": in the 1860 census, "Margaret 28 F".

In the Duckworth Cemetery: "Margaret daughter of L & E Ruley d. Jan 5 1868 in her 35th yr"

2.- Flavius Josephus Ruley, b. 29 July 1834. He was a soldier in the 7th regiment in the Civil War. He was a dispatch bearer for Col. Core. For Col. (General) Core, see, pages 509 and 687, *Clay District Ritchie Co.*³⁵

From Hardesty's history of Doddridge County 1883³⁶:

"Flavius Josephus Ruley...saw-mill operator, merchant and farmer, born in Belmont Co., Ohio, July 29, 1834, is a son of Lloyd and Elizabeth (Dotson) Ruley. In Huntington, Cabell Co., W.Va., March 6, 1876, were recorded the marriage vows of Flavius J. Ruley and Nora V. Bond, and two sons make glad their home: LLOYD E., b. Oct 30, 1877, and William Joseph, b. Sept 7, 1882. George and Sarah A. (Smith) Bond were the parents of Nora V., wife of Mr. Ruley, and she was b. in Tyler Co., Feb 5, 1850. The war record, business interests and p. o. address of Flavius J. Ruley are given in the following sketch of his parents lives."

Nora V. Bond's mother, Sarah A. Smith, was a dau. of William Smith and Susannah Gorrell. After the death of William Smith, she m. Thomas Bond for her second husband.

Thomas Bond had a boy and a girl. Susannah Gorrell Smith had a boy and a girl. His son m. her girl and her son m. his girl.

For more information of Nora V. Bond, see page 17, *The Ripley Family*.³⁷

In the household of his father in the 1850 census of Doddridge County:

"Flavius J.(osephus) 15"; in the 1860 census,"Josephus 27 M".

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 021:

Ruly, Joseph F	WM 44	Farmer	OH OH VA
Lenora V	WF 30	Wife Keeping house	VA VA PA
Lloyd E	WM 2	Son at home	WV OH VA
Wells, Emory	WM 7	S/son at home	KS VA VA
Bond, Wm F	WM 25	Bil wks at sawmill	VA VA PA
Richard, Joseph	WM 24	Boarder wks at sawmill	VA VA VA
Tunning, Ella	WF 17	Servant	VA VA VA

In the Ruley Cemetery, Ruley Church Arnold Creek (above Central Station):

"Lloyd E son of F J & L V Ruly died Jan 2 1886 8yr 2 mo 2 da"

Note: The presence of a step-son Emory Wells, age 7, born in Kansas, indicates a previous marriage for Lenora V; no additional information.

3.- Sophronia Ruley, b. 1836.

In the household of her father Lloyd Ruley in the 1850 census of Doddridge County: "Sophronia P. 14": no additional information.

4.- Mary Jane Ruley, b. 1838; d. about 3 years of age.

5.- Daniel C. Ruley, b. 1840; d. 1898

From Hardesty's of Dodd, Co. 1883³⁸:

"DANIEL C. RULEY...is a son of Lloyd and Elizabeth (Dotson) Ruley, whose record is given in a sketch following this, as is the varied business interests of which Daniel C. has charge. At his residence at Sunnyside, Central District, Dodd. Co., W.Va. in 1870, Daniel C. Ruley was joined in the bands of wedlock with Annie E. Johnson. She was b. in Newton (now) West Virginia, in 1845, a dau. of Addison and Mary Elizabeth (Russ) Johnson. Her father is no longer living her mother now a resident of Central District. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Ruley are the parents of: Camilla, Lizzie V., Henry, Daniel A., and a little dau. not yet named. The three saw mills of which mention is made below are situated on Arnold Creek, one on Sheep Run, and the third on Hughes River in Ritchie Co. The store is at Arnold Creek Cross Roads, in Central District, and Daniel C. Ruley should be addressed at West Union, Dodd. Co., W.Va"

In the household of his father Lloyd Ruley in the 1850 census of Doddridge County: "Daniel C. 12"; in the 1860 census "D (Daniel) 21 M; in the 1870 census "Daniel 29 MW farmer R.E. \$3000 Pers.\$2245 Ohio"

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 021:

Ruly, Daniel	WM	35(?)	Farmer	OH OH VA
Anny E	WF	33	Wife	Keeping house VA VA VA
Cassanella	WF	8	Dau	at home WV OH VA
Elisabeth	WF	5	Dau	at home WV OH VA
Henry J	WM	2	Dau?	at home WV OH VA
Avery	WM	9/12	Son (Aug 1879)	WV OH VA
Lloyd (w)	WM	68	Father	Carpenter OH CT VA

In the Ruley Cemetery, Ruley Church Arnold Creek (above Central Station)

"RULEY

Anna E. his wife	Daniel C
Jan 26, 1845	May 22, 1840
	March 6, 1898"

6.- Cynthia Ruley, b. 1842.

In the household of her father Lloyd Ruley in the 1850 census of Doddridge County: "Cynthia 9"; no additional information.

7.- Thama Ruley, b. 1844.

In the household of her father Lloyd Ruley in the 1850 census of Doddridge County: "Fanny R.(Thama) 8"; in the 1860 census, "Fuma (Thama) 18 F"; no additional information.

8.- Granville Ruley, b. 1846.

In the household of his father Lloyd Ruley in the 1850 census of Doddridge County: "Granville 5"; in the 1860 census "Granville 16 M"

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 023:

Ruly, Grant C	WM	35	Farmer	VA OH VA
Victoria	WF	34	Wife	Keeping house OH OH OH

Charles A	WM	12	Son	Farm laborer	KS VA OH
Ida Bell	WF	11	Dau	at home	KS VA OH
Jennie	WF	7	Dau	at home	KS VA OH
Minnie	WF	4	Dau	at home	WV VA OH

It should be noted that the birthplace of three of their children is the state of Kansas, thus indicating a Kansas residence from at least 1868 until their return to West Virginia 1873-1876.

9.- Octavia Ruley, died in infancy.

CHAPTER V-6
HENRY DOTSON

Henry F. Dotson, b. 1810. This marriage in Harrison County: “17 Nov 1833...Henry Dotson and Rachel Tucker by Cornelius Huff.”

Rachel Tucker was a dau. of Eli Tucker and his first wife, Elizabeth Jaco.

Names appearing on deeds in Tyler County:

“1853...Henry F. Dotson and Rachel L. Dotson.”

In the 1840 census of Harrison County (82):

Dotson, Henry one male 5-10, one male 30-40; two females under 5, one female 20-30.

From the 1850 census of VA' Doddridge County:

Dotson, Henry F. age 40 years born in Virginia

Rachel	36
Fredrick M.	16
Mariah	14
Normanda	12
Mary E	8
Sanford	6
Emeline	3
Sophronia	1
Martin VanBuren*	11

*Note: Martin VanBuren Dotson found in 1860 census of Missouri in household of Nelson Tucker (Chap. V-8 Margaret Dotson)

In her annotation to the 1850 Census of Doddridge Co. (West) Virginia (1989) Mary Davis Atkinson states; “Henry F. Dotson married Rachel Tucker, daughter of Eli B. and (1) Elizabeth (Jaco) Tucker, 17 Nov 1833, in Harrison County, by Rev. Cornelius Huff.”

Ritchie Co. Court, June Term 1843;

“Present Thomas Dotson late of said County for fornication with Elizabeth Dotson, a single woman, evidence, *Henry F. Dotson.*” See Chap. XIV Thomas Dotson.

Ritchie Co. Court Feb 1845 Term:

“On motion of *Henry F Dotson*, ordered that Wm M. Somerville, John Dotson, Richard Bond and Thos. Dotson or any three of them mark and review road leading through

his land”

Ritchie Co. Court April 1845 (p. 149):

Willis Nutter vs. *Henry F Dotson*..in case ..transferred to County Court of Doddridge. (Note: On formation of Doddridge County in 1845, Ritchie land in Greenwood vicinity, westward to present county boundary at Toll Gate, transferred to new county of Doddridge”

Henry Dotson bought an item at Thomas Dotson’s estate sale in 1848.

Henry F. Dotson was the grantee of three land grants in the Ritchie-Doddridge area:

(1) David Dixon and Henry F. Dotson 90 acres; Vol. 1, p. 84; 30 Oct 1847 Treas. Warrant 15,333 in conformity with a survey made on the 15 day of Oct 1845 ; Ninety acres lying and being in the County of Ritchie on the south side of the North fork of Hughes River and bounded.....”

(2) Henry F. Dotson 97 acres, Vol. 1, p. 526; 30 Oct 1847; Treas. Warrant 15464 in conformity with a survey made on the 12th day of Dec 1845; “....lying and being in the county of Doddridge, on Long Run, a branch of Arnold Creek, and bounded.....”

(3) Henry F. Dotson 152 acres; Vol. 2, p. 134; 1 Jan 1852; Treas. Warrant 16560 and 17,456 in conformity with a survey made on the 2nd day of February 1849; One Hundred and fifty two acres, lying in Doddridge County, on the north side of Lick Run a branch of Long Run of Arnold Creek and bounded.....”

For a further description of the foregoing land grants see *Dotson Land Grants (1805-1865)* by James M. Dotson 1988.

Then in late 1852 and first of 1853, Henry and Rachel Dotson sold their four tracts of land in Doddridge Co.: Vol. 2 p. 135 Dec 10, 1852; p. 184 Apr 11, 1853; p. 185 April 12, 1853; and p. 195 May 17, 1853.

No further information was found about Henry Dotson after 1853.

He was not in the 1860 or 1870 census of WV, nor in the 1880 census of Ritchie or Doddridge Co., nor in the WV soundex for 1900 or 1910. Did he move west, perhaps to Missouri with Eli B Tucker (his father-in-law) and Margaret Dotson his sister? However, he was not found with them in the 1860 census of Missouri.

CHAPTER V-7

CHARLOTTE DOTSON

Charlotte Dotson, b. 1811; m. John Wilson, Jr. Henry Franks and Richard Dotson are the grandfathers of Charlotte Dotson. Both have service in the Revolutionary Wars. John Wilson, Sr., the father of John Wilson, Jr. had service in the Revolutionary War. William Wilson, the grandfather of John Wilson, Jr. had patriotic service in the Revolutionary War. For the family of John Wilson and Charlotte Dotson, see page 49 and pages 293 to 339 inclusive, *Descendants of John Wilson*.³⁹

John M. and Charlotte Wilson were enumerated in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census’ of Ritchie County.

The following abstract of the referenced pages of *Descendants of John Wilson* identify the children of John Wilson and Charlotte Dotson:

1.- EdithMartin Wilson (1832-1905); m. Calvin Hanes

2.- Elizabeth Jane Wilson b. 1835. m. Jehu Shinn 6 March 1856 Ritchie Co.

3.- Angeline Wilson (1839-1923) m. James Graham Wilson 23 May 1858 Ritchie Co.

4.- Jasper Newton Wilson (1840-1920) In Aug 1867 he m. (1) Mary Deliah Poole, dau. of Thomas Poole and Anna Kettle; she had a sister (Amy) that m. Squire Dotson (Chap. V-13) and another sister (Melvina) that m. Hiram S. Dotson (Chap. V-1). Jasper Newton Wilson m. (2) Deliah March Bailey.

From the Missouri 1870 Census Adair Co. Township 64, Range 13 Wilmothville PO Dwl 21 Fam. 21

Wilson Jasper	29	M	W	Farmer	—	\$250	VA
Mary D	22	F	W	Keeping house			VA
Rosetta	1	F	W				MO

Mary Pool Dotson's parents, Thomas 66, and Anna Pool 64, were also enumerated in the 1870 Missouri census of Adair County. (Chap. V-13), along with a Horatio Wilson, 29, blacksmith b. VA, and wife Massalona 25, b. VA. The relationship of this Horatio Wilson to Jasper Wilson, if any, has not been established.

Jasper Wilson d. 10 May 1920 in Wilmothville, Adair Co. Missouri

5.- Archibald Blackburn Wilson (1842-1882) served in Civil War Co. E, 6th W.Va. Inf. m. Virginia Belle Richards. 28 Dec 1865.

6.- Almira Wilson (1844-1918) m. David B. Hogue in 1865 Ritchie Co.

7.- Mary Ann Wilson (1847-1911) m. Henry Nutter on 9 Aug 1868 Ritchie Co.

8.- Frances "Fan" Wilson (1849-) m. (1) John P. Yerke. m. (2)_____.

9.- Henrietta Wilson (1850-) m. Lewis Bond 8 Dec 1881 Ritchie Co.

The will of John Wilson left the property to Henrietta but she was to take care of John Wilson and Charlotte Dotson as long as they lived.

John Wilson d. 1 April 1880 and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery. When Henrietta Wilson and Lewis Bond were m. they went to Indiana. She took her mother, Charlotte Dotson, with her. Charlotte d. ca 1895 in Indiana, where she was buried.

10.- John Dotson Wilson (1856-1940) m. his first cousin Edith Martin Shinn in 1877.

11.- Charlotte M. (Siss) Wilson (1857-1948) m. Jedediah Benedum 25 March 1880 Ritchie Co.

12.- Wm. (Billy) Wilson- drowned as a child; birth year not known but not the youngest child of John and Charlotte Dotson Wilson.

CHAPTER V-8

MARGARET DOTSON.

Margaret Dotson, b. 1813-1814.

In Miss Lowther's *History of Ritchie County* ⁴⁰p. 142, in naming the children of William Dotson and Mary Franks states, "MARGARET (MRS. ELI TUCKER)."

There is some confusion about the names "Elizabeth" and "Margaret" as daughters of William Sr. and Mary Franks Dotson. We know that:

(1) Elizabeth Dotson, b. 27 May 1807. (b. 1814 per headstone in Ruley Cemetery, d. Aug 1874 age 60 yrs), m. Lloyd Ruley, 6 Oct 1831 in Belmont Co., Ohio.;

(2) Eliza Margaret Dotson, the dau. of William Dotson and Mary Franks, m. Butler Bond (Chapter V-11) and

(3) Margaret (Peg) Dotson, dau. of Richard Dotson, Sr. and Amelia "Millie" Miller, m. Phillip Britton (Chapter XIII).

While there should ordinarily not be two "Elizabeths" or two "Margarets" in the same family, it is concluded that William Sr. and Mary Franks did name two of their daughters, one "Elizabeth" and another "Margaret", then name a third "Eliza Margaret".

To better understand the Margaret Dotson genealogy, we had better give the Eli B. Tucker information.

From Miss. Lowther's *History of Ritchie County*, p. 141:

"TUCKER, ELI B...was b. in what is now Taylor County in 1797, and shortly after his m. to MISS ELIZABETH JACO (Note...wife No 1), in his early manhood, he came to the South Fork of Hughes river and founded his home on the Michaels Farm. (Note...near community building, near cross roads, near Oxford); and from there he removed to what is now the Broadwater farm." (Note...I [Barr Wilson]do not know whether she means the late Charles Broadwater farm near Oxford or the Jefferson Broadwater farm about two miles below Toll Gate on the NFHR). If it were the Jefferson Broadwater farm he would have sold this farm to Jefferson Broadwater in 1842 or 1843 and moved to (present day) Doddridge County.

Continue from *History of Ritchie County*, "In 1856, he, with his family, went to Mason Co., Missouri, (there is no Mason Co. in Missouri) where he fell asleep in 1876. He three times took the marriage vow, Ruth Scott (Chapter VI), being the second wife, and Margaret Dotson, sister of Emanuel, his third. The children of the first union (Elizabeth Jaco) were: Harrison J.; Mary, who d. in youth (note...This may be in error. There is a Mary Tucker shown in the 1850 census of the family of Solomon Dotson, Chapter V-10); Rachel, Mrs. Henry F. Dotson (Chapter V-6); Orlinda (Mrs. Solomon Dotson Chapter V-10); Phebe (Mrs. John Sears) (SAYERS); and Nelson (Note Nelson shown, age 28, in the 1850 census of Ritchie Co., WV in the family of Solomon Dotson, Ch. V-10; and in 1860 in the census of Missouri Adair Co. p 124 Clay Twp. Wilmothville PO ; 998 809 Nelson Tucker, age 39, adjacent to his father Eli B. Sr. and Margaret, 1860 Missouri Adair Co. p. 124 Clay Twp. Wilmothville PO 998 809).

Those of the second (Ruth Scott, dau. of Nancy Dotson Scott Chapter VI) were; Eli B. who is now spending his old age just across the Dodd. Co. line, near Toll Gate; James R. of Toll Gate; Booth, Harrison, Thomas and Michael, who went west and where they rest. Those of the third marriage (Margaret Dotson) were; Jackson, Preston, Elizabeth, Ruhama,

who d. single; Adaline (Mrs. Thomas Nicholson; Louise (Mrs. Henry Luck).”

In the Census of 1830 for Wood Co. VA (p. 402) (census was alphabetized):

Tucker Eli Males; 1 5-10, 1 15-20, 1 40-50; Females 1 5-10, 2 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 50-60

In the Census of Wood Co. in 1840 (not alphabetized, on the line below William Dotson):

Ely B Tucker Males; 1 5-10, 2 10-15, 2 20-30, 1 50-60. Females: 1 15-20, 1 20-30, 1 50-60

If one exists, no marriage record for the union of Eli B. Tucker and Margaret Dotson has been found in Ritchie, Doddridge, or Tyler Counties.

Their relationship started while he was still married to his second wife Ruth Scott, as evidenced by the following account of his arraignment in the fledgling county of Ritchie (formed February 1843); this action was initiated by his son-in-law Henry F. Dotson who married Rachel, Eli's daughter by his first wife Elizabeth Jaco; also Henry's sister Margaret was named as the contributor. Margaret Dotson's father William Dotson Sr. was shown in the 1840 census (above) as residing next door in Greenwood to the Eli B. Tucker family.

From the Ritchie County Court Minute Book:

June Term 1843 June 7, 1843 p. 14 (p 18):

“Virginia Ritchie County to wit: The Jurors for the Commonwealth of Virginia and for the body of the County of Ritchie aforesaid upon their oaths present Eli B. Tucker of the County aforesaid for fornication with Margarette Dotson a single woman late of the said County and within the said County on the 1st day of June 1843.

This presentment is founded upon the evidence of Henry F. Dotson of said County sworn in open Court at the request of the Grand Jury to give evidence to the said Grand Jury.

A true bill; Lewis Bond foreman:

On motion of the Attorney for the Commonwealth and for reasons appearing to the Court it is ordered that Eli B. Tucker be summoned to appear here at the next Court to shew Cause if any he can why an information should not be filed against him upon a presentment of the grandjury this day made against him.

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ritchie County to wit: The grandjurors for the Commonwealth of Virginia and for the body of the County of Ritchie aforesaid upon their oaths present Eli B. Tucker late of the said County a married man for adultery with Margarette Dotson late of said County and within the said County on the 1st day of June 1843.

This presentment is founded on the evidence of Henry F. Dotson of said County sworn in open Court at the request of the grand jury to give evidence to the said grandjury.

Lewis Bond foreman.

On motion of the Attorney for the Commonwealth and for Reasons appearing to the Court ordered that Eli B. Tucker be summoned to appear here at the next Court to shew Cause why an information should not be filed against him upon a Presentment of the grand jury this day made against him.”

Action on this case was continued from one term to the next until over two years later in the August 1845 term of court, the following:

“Aug 6, 1845; Henry F. Dotson who was duly summoned to appear hereon the first

day of this term as a witness on behalf of the Commonwealth against Eli B Tucker was this day solemnly called but came not; where upon on motion of the attorney for the commonwealth is ordered that the said *Henry F Dotson* be summoned to appear hereon the first day of the next quarterly term of this court, to shew cause, if any he can why he should not be fined for his said contempt.”

Then in the November 1845 term:

“Commonwealth vs Eli B Tucker, Upon an information for Fornication:

This day Came the attorney for the Commonwealth as the defendant by his attorney; and attorney for the commonwealth moves the court to continue this cause until the next term; which motion was overruled, and thereon the attorney for the commonwealth saith that he will not further prosecute said information; thereupon it is considered by the court that said defendant be discharged from said information and go thereof without day. Same vs Eli B Tucker upon an information for adultery. Same order”

Thus, some two and one-half years later, the failure of Henry F Dotson to appear and help prosecute his father-in-law, resulted in dropping charges against him. Perhaps a change of heart on Henry’s part led to this decision.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County, Family No. 310:

Tucker, Eli B. (farmer)	age 63 years.	born in Virginia
Dotson, Margaret	37	“
Jackson	7	“
Preston	6	“
Josiah (Joseph)	4	“
Rucy (Ruhamah)	3	“
Elizabeth	2	“
Henry (John)	4/12	“

In her annotation to the 1850 Census of Doddridge Co. (West) Virginia (1989) Mary Davis Atkinson states; “Eli B. Tucker married (1) Elizabeth Jaco, 20 Mar 1810, in Harrison County, WV, Rev. Benjamin Webb: married (2) Ruth Scott; married (3) Margaret Dotson, sister of Emanuel Dotson and daughter of Richard Dotson, Sr., who was one of the first settlers here near what is now the Ritchie-Doddridge County line (then Wood County), ca 1802/03. It seems likely that Eli B Tucker was in the area, also, at an early date. (The minister who married Eli and Elizabeth Jaco, Benjamin Webb (Settler at Webbs Mills, Smithville, Ritchie Co.), was also listed in the 1810 Wood County Census.)” However, correctly, Margaret was the sister of Emanuel II (or Jr.), both children of William Sr.

And in the 1850 census of Doddridge County, Family No. 281, residing in the household of Henry F Dotson 40, and wife Rachel 36 was “Martin VanBuren Dotson 11, born in VA.”

From the census of 1860, Missouri Adair Co. p. 124 Clay Twp. Wilmothville PO; 999

810: Eli B Tucker	72	M	Farm Laborer \$800 \$360	VA
Margaret	46	F		VA
Jackson	12	M		VA
John T	10	M		VA
Louisa J	7	F		VA

and in an adjacent dwelling,

1860 Missouri Adair Co. p 124 Clay Twp. Wilmothville PO 998 809;

Nelson Tucker	39	M	Farmer \$1600	1520	VA
Adaline	28	F			Ohio
Clarence	8	M	Att sch. within year		Ind
Walter A	6	M	Att sch.		Ind
Mary E	2	F			Ind
Alice	1	F			Mo
VanBuren Dotson	20	M	Farm laborer		VA
Joseph Tucker	14	M	Att sch		VA
Mary Tucker	2?/12	F			VA

In Ritchie Co. Births 1853-1870 (LDS Film 32508 Pt 205) there is recorded in 1853: "L. J. Dotson, May 11, N. F. H. R., Margaret Dotson" This is the Louisa J Tucker shown above age 7, in the 1860 census of Adair Co. Missouri, and whom Miss Lowther said married Henry Luck.

From the census of Iowa 1870; Mucatine County 336 Wapsinanoc Town Citalipa PO 313 313

G?ifford John	35	MW	Laborer pers\$160	Ohio
Margaret	30	FW	Keeping house	Ohio
Daniel A	10	MW		Iowa
Segel	8	MW		Iowa
Tucker Jackson	28	MW	Farmer	Virginia
Goodwin ???	18	MW	Laborer	Tenn

From the census of Iowa 1870; p 286 Mucatine Co. Seventy Six Township Atalissa PO 2 July 1870

Tucker Margout 60 FW Inmate of poor house Virginia Insane

From the 1880 Census of Iowa, Des Moines Co. Burlington Twp. Burlington Washington St No. 857 Vol 10 ED 114 sh 25 line 30; 857 226 246:

Dotson Martin V	W M	40	married boarding house	V A V A V A
Eliza	W F	36 wife	married housekeeper	Ill Ky Ky
Thomas	W M	18 son	unmar barber	Mo VA Ky
Tucker John	W M	24 brother	unmar laborer unemp.	V A V A V A

It is the above notation of "brother" to John Tucker, son of Margaret Tucker Dotson, that ties Martin VanBuren Dotson to Margaret Dotson Tucker as his mother.

The children of the union of EliB Tucker and Margaret Dotson are not certain. Our best deduction is for the following eight children:

- 1.- MartinVanBuren Dotson, b. ca. 1839 or 1840
- 2.- Jackson Dotson (or Tucker), b. ca 1843
- 3.- Preston Dotson (or Tucker), b. ca. 1844
- 4.- Josiah (Joseph) Dotson (or Tucker), b. ca. 1846
- 5.- Rucy (Ruhama) Dotson (or Tucker), b. ca. 1847
- 6.- Elizabeth Dotson (or Tucker), b. ca. 1848
- 7.- Henry (John) Dotson (or Tucker), b. 1850-1851

8.- Louisa J Dotson (or Tucker), b. May 11, 1853 in Ritchie County.

9.- Lafayette Dotson, b. 1836.

Before her involvement with Eli B. Tucker, it appears that Margaret had another child, Lafayette Dotson, b. 1836.

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "12 Aug 1858...*Lafayett Dotson*, 22...single...b. WoodCo...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, *MargaretDotson*; & Margaret J. Menerve, 21...single... b.res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Asariah Menerve."

From Index and Register of Births- Doddridge Co. p. 237, Bk 1 p 14:

"Aug 10 1859; Dotson Ida C, Female, parents Maria Dotson, Layfaette Dotson"

From the 1880 census of Iowa: Muscatine Co. West Liberty PO Sixth St.

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Dotson Lafayette	WM	44	married teamster disabled	WV — VA
M. J.	WF	42	wife	March carpet weaver WV WV WV
Franz Ida M	WF	20	dau	March at home WV WV WV
Dotson Fred M.	WM	18	son	single laborer at sch. MO WV WV
Sarah	WF	17	dau.	single at school Iowa WV WV
Lucy M	WF	15	dau.	single at sch. Iowa WV WV
Gilbert L	WM	13	son	at home Iowa WV WV
Frank	WM	9	son	at home Iowa WV WV
Jennie	WF	5	dau	at home Iowa WV WV
Geo. R.	WM	3	son	at home Iowa WV WV
Franz W A G	WM	11	boarder	at school Iowa Pruss Ills

The ages of the children and their corresponding birthplaces suggest that the family moved from West Virginia to Missouri about 1860-61, then on to Iowa before 1863.

It should be recalled that the above time frame parallels that of the move to Adair County Missouri, later Muscatine County, Iowa, of the Margaret Dotson- Eli Tucker families.

CHAPTER V-9.

WILLIAM BUSKIRK DOTSON

William Buskirk Dotson, b. 17 Sept 1815; d. 7 May 1906.

From Miss. Lowther's history of Ritchie County 1911⁴¹, p. 143:

"WILLIAM DOTSON was m. to Miss Louisa Ann Ankrom and settled across the Doddridge County line where he lived and died."

This is the Dougherty House, on the south side of old US 50, about halfway between Toll Gate and Greenwood.

From Hardesty's history of Doddridge Co. (Vol. 2 p. 13): "The first grist mill was put in operation in 1845 by William Buskirk Dotson."

He m. Louisa Ann Ankrom, April 16, 1840 in Washington Co., Ohio.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County.

Dotson, William B.	(farmer)	age 34 years	born in Virginia
Louisa A.		29	
Hayden		9	

Emanuel	7
Isreal F.	5
Teressa L.	3
William N.	1

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge County (barely legible):

Dotson, William B.	age 43 years	farmer	born VA
L. A. (female)	41		born VA
Emanuel	19		
Isaac (Israel)	15		
Senecca (female)	13		
William K.	11		
Owen	9		
Rosetta	7		
Gabrella (female)	5		
Caroline	3		

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge County:

Dotson, William B.	age 55 years	farmer	born VA
Louisa A.	49		born OH
Victor E.	26		born VA
Wm. L.	21		
Owen	19		
Mary R.	17		
Cabrella	15		
Caroline	13		

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County 122 011:

Dotson, Wm. B.	age 64 years	farmer	VA VA VA
Louisa A.	60		OH VA VA
Carry dau.	23		WV VA OH
Sarah L. adopted dau.	7		WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Doddridge County:

Dotson, William B.		Sept 1813	age 86	b.p. WV
Louisa	wife	March 1819	81	Rhode Island
Dougherty, Teresa	Dau.	May 1847	53	WV
Joseph H	S-L	Sept 1842	57	Pa.
Bessie	G-D	Oct 1880	19	Kansas
Nellie	G-D	Jan 1883	17	Kansas
Joseph	G-S	Oct 1886	14	Kansas

From Hardesty's history of Doddridge County, 1883⁴²:

"WILLIAM BUSKIRK DOTSON...is the oldest settler, native born, to Central District, his birth having occurred close to Greenwood on the farm adjoining the one he now lives on Sept 27, 1815. William and Mary (Franks) Dotson his parents, now many years deceased, settled in this vicinity in 1804. In Washington County, Ohio, April 16, 1840, William B. Dotson and Louisa Ann Ankrom were joined in wedlock and the children of this union were nine and one taken to raise; Hayden F., b March 16, 1841 and d. Feb 28,

1858; Victor E., April 9, 1843; Isreal N., March 16, 1845; Teresa E., May 27, 1847; William L., 3 March 1849; Owen F., Jan 9, 1852 and d. Dec 1, 1871; Rosie L., Jan 9, 1853; Gambrilla, March 17, 1855; Carrie Odell, April 5, 1857; Sarah Louise March 6, 1873. Victor E. and Isreal N. were Federal soldiers of the 1861 war, both enlisting in Sept 1862 in Co. A, 4th Cavalry and receiving discharge in 1863. *Isreal is now living in the west, as is Teresa E., whose home is in Summer Co., Kan.* The wife of Mr. Dotson was b. in Washington Co., Ohio, March 3, 1820, a dau. of Margaret E. (Franks) Ankrum. William B. Dotson has been a farmer all his life, and for many years, before incapacitated by age and its infirmities, he was a local preacher of the Methodist Protestant Church. His p. o. is Greenwood, Dodd. Co., W.Va.”

In the Greenwood (Doddridge Co.) Cemetery:

Wm B Sept 27 1814 died July 5 1906 91 yr 9 mo 8 days

Louisa Ann Dotson May 3 1820 died July 9 1900(?)

They were the parents of ten children:

1.- Hayden F. Dotson, b. 16 March 1841, d. Feb 1858. In the Greenwood cemetery:

“Haden F son of Wm B and L A Dotson d Feb 24 1858 age 16 yr 11 mo 22 days”

2.- Victor Emanuel Dotson, b. 9 April 1843.

He served in Company A, 4th Cavalry in the Civil War. This marriage in Doddridge Co.: “1 April 1875... Victor E. Dotson, 28...single...b. Wood Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Wm. B. & Louisa A.; & Lucy E. Cheuvront, 20... single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Joseph & Barbary by Sylvester Lowther.”

From ‘Doddridge Cemeteries’, Archives Library, Charleston, WV; “Victor E. Dotson June 1885 age 42 y. Civil War-Union soldier, Old Odd Fellows Cemetery, West Union.”

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County 121 004;

Dotson, V E	WM	35		Grocer	VA VA VA
L M	WF	24	Wife	Housekeeper	VA VA VA
Joseph	WM	4	Son		WV VA VA
B O (Barbara)	WF	2	Dau		WV VA VA
Owens, Rhoda	WF	15	Servant		VA VA VA

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge West Union 007 0034 0049:

Datson Lucy M	H W	55	WV WV
Joseph B	S	34	WV
Barbara A	D	31	WV
Katherine A	D	28	WV
John R	S	25	WV

Family not found in 1900 census Soundex of WV

Four known children, shown above in census of 1910.

3.- Israel N. Dotson, b. 16 March 1845. Served in Company D, 4th Cavalry in the Civil War. He moved to Sumner Co. Kansas between 1871 and 1875, along with his sister Teresa; then returned to Doddridge Co. between 1881 and 1885. He was living in the west in 1883 (Hardesty). He was in Greenwood ca 1903 (see below, photo at Dougherty House reunion). Israel was married to Louisa Jane Lynch of Gilmer Co. before 1865.

From the Index and Register of Births- Doddridge County W. Va.:

Dotson, Orlando A. male b. April 16, 1865; parents Jane & Israel Dotson

Dotson, Lary Bell female b. June 8, 1869; parents Jane & Israel Dotson

Dotson, Lama female b. Sept 8, 1870; parents Louisa & Israel Dotson

Dotson, Louisa female b. Feb 24 1885; parents L. H. (mother) and I. N. Dotson
(father)

From a delayed birth record for Benjamin Harrison Dotson filed July 3, 1943 in Doddridge Co.

"b. May 1, 1888 at Greenwood, male, number in order of birth, 10; father Israel Nathan Dotson, p. o. Greenwood, b. p. Dodd, occ. farmer, age at time child was born 43; mother Jane Lynch, p. o. Greenwood, b.p. Gilmer, occ. housewife, age at time child was born 44, number of children born to mother up to and including this child, 10; any of these children die before this child was born, no information given; certificate signed by F. D. Dotson, brother."

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co.:

Dotson, Israel N. age 25 years farmer born VA

Louisa J. 25 VA

Judge N. 4 WV

Clinton L. 2 WV

From the 1880 census soundex of Kansas; Sumner Co., Belle Plaine Twp:

Dodson, I. N. age 35 b.p. W. Va.

Louisa J. wife 35 W.Va.

J. W. son 12 W.Va.

C. L. S 11 W.Va.

Ida A. D 9 W.Va.

Frank S 5 Kansas

Minnie D 3 Kansas

Charles E. S 3/12 Kansas

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Doddridge Co. Central District:

Dotson, Israel b. March 1845 age 55 b.p. WV

Jane wife July 1845 54 WV

Clinton L. son Nov 1867 32 WV

Charles E. son Feb 1879 21 Kansas

Freddie son June 1882 17 Kansas

Laurie dau. March 1885 15 WV

Benjamin H. son May 1888 12 WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0217:

Dotson Israel N H W 66 WV WV

Lizzie W 62 WV

Charles E S 31 Kansas

Benjamin H S 21 WV

Bollins Okunle NR 30 WV

Cora M W 23 WV

Dickworth Rachal SL 50 WV



**Israel N. Dotson
headstone, Greenwood
Cemetery, Doddridge
County, W. Va.**

From the 1890 Special Schedule census of surviving Civil War soldiers and widows:

“House no. 150, fam. no. 151, Israel Dotson, private, Co. D 4 W Va Cav,
Enlist. June 1863, Disch. March 1864, p. o. Greenwood, W. Va.”

From the Index and Register of Deaths- Doddridge Co., WV.

Dotson, Israel N. male died July 20, 1916 (Bk. 2, p. 35)

Dotson, Louisa Jane female died June 21, 1914 (Bk. 2, p. 34)

In the Greenwood Cemetery (Doddridge Co.):

“Israel N Dotson Comp D 4 W Va Cav*
Louisa Jane wife of I N July 30 1845 Jan 21 1914”

Israel Nathan and Louisa Jane Lynch Dotson were the parents of ten known children:

- a. Judge N. (or W) (or Judson). b. Nov 1865 from 1900 census
- b. Clinton L. b. Nov 1867 in WV
- c. Laura Bell b. June 8, 1869 (from birth record)
- d. Ida A. b. 1870 or '71 in WV (from 1880 census); “Lama” b. Sept 8, 1870 from birth record
- e. Frank Victor b. ca. 1875 (from 1880 census, age 5) in Kansas
- f. Minnie b. ca. 1877 (from 1880 census, age 3) in Kansas
- g. Charles E. b. Feb 1879 in Kansas
- h. Fred b. June 1882 in Kansas
- i. Louisa b. Feb 24, 1885 from birth record; b. March 1885 from 1900 census)
- j. Benjamin Harrison b. May 1888 in WV

According to the delayed birth certificate of their son Benjamin Harrison Dotson, they were parents of ten children thus confirming number in the above listing.

- a. Judge (Judson), alternately “Orlando A.” b. April 16, 1865 (from birth record WV)
- Wife and children from the 1900 and 1910 census:

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Wirt Co. Newark Dist 38 125 7 21:

Dotson Judge W	White	Nov 1865	34	WV
Dolly H	Wife	Jan 1869	31	WV

Clarence	Son	Apr 188-	14	WV
Isreal L	S	May 1889	11	WV
Jessie	Dau	July 1891	8	WV
Carrol A	S	Aug 1899	9/12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Wood Co. Parkersburg 044 0127 0202:

Dotson Judson W	Head White	44	WV WV
Dollie H	Wife	40	WV
Clarence	Son	23	WV
Eva	Dau in Law	19	WV
Pearl	D	18	WV
Carl	S	10	WV
Freda	D	03	WV

b. Clinton L. b. Nov 1867 in WV (not in 1900, 1910, or 1920 WV census)

On Jan 11, 1912, Clinton L Dotson aged 44 and a resident of Greenwood WV and Agnes C. Dotson aged 32, and a resident of Greenwood WV signed an affidavit stating that they assumed care of Israel Dotson on or about the 15th of October 1911⁴³.

c. Laura Bell Dotson, b. June 8, 1869 (July 8, 1870) d. June 24, 1926; m. Eugene Snodgrass. From the Doddridge Co. WV birth record, "Dotson, Lary Bell female b. June 8, 1869; parents Jane and Israel Dotson". (Born July 8, 1870 from her obituary).

On Aug 20, 1910, she filed with the U. S. Pension Office, as Mrs. E. W. Snodgrass aged 40, a resident of Harwood, Harrison Co. WV., the following General Affidavit in the matter of a claim of Israel Dotson Co. 'D' 4th West Va. Cal. Vols.:

"I am 40 years of age, I have known the above named claimant ever since I can recollect, he has been a constant sufferer from rheumatism and catarh all the past years, is now a helpless cripple, a burden thrown on my hands to take care of, and has to be cared for the same as a child. He is my Father, and I his only Daughter and I have the constant care of him day and Night".

On August 18, 1916, Laura Belle Snodgrass applied to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C. for reimbursement for expenses in the last sickness and burial of her father Israel Nicholas Dotson, Company "D", 4th Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, an invalid soldier who died July 20, 1916. She gave her age as 46 years and was a resident of Greenwood Doddridge County WV.⁴⁴

The ages of 40 in 1910 and 46 in 1916, correspond reasonably closely to that of her birth record.

From the 1900 census of her father Israel N. Dotson: "Laurie, dau, born March 1885, age 15, place of birth WV". It is concluded that this child was Louise, b. Feb 24, 1885 from her birth record.

d. Ida A. b. 1870 or '71 in WV (from 1880 census), "Lama" b. Sept 8, 1870 from birth record.

e. Frank Victor Dotson

From the Doddridge Co. Death Index and Register (Bk. 5, p. 44-E);

"Dotson, Frank Victor male died Jun 17 1956 parents Jane Lynch and Israel N. Dotson"

From the Dodd. Co. Index and Register of Births; (Bk. Del 1 p. 43)

Dotson, Russell Eugene, male born Jul 18 1902 Place of birth Greenwood, Dodd. Co. , number in order of birth, 3; parents: father Frank Victor Dotson p. o Greenwood,

Dodd. b.p. *Bellplain, Kansas* occ. carpenter age at time child was born 27; mother Eva Maude Leeson, p. o. Greenwood Dodd. b. p. Greenwood WV. occ. housewife. age at time child was born 19; no. of children born to this mother up to and including this child 3; any of these children die before this child was born, no; certificate signed by Eva M. Dotson, mother 5-13-41.

From the Ritchie Co. register of delayed births:

Dotson, Dora Dean, female born Dec 12, 1905 at Pennsboro, WV; father Frank Victor Dotson p. o. Pennsboro WV. b.p. *Sumner Co., Kansas* occ. Carpenter; age at time child was born 30; mother Eva Maude Leeson p. o. Pennsboro WV b.p. Doddridge Co. WV occ. housewife age at time child was born 23; no. children born to this mother up to and including this child 5; any of these children die before this child was born, no; certificate signed by F. V. Dotson father, 9-9-53.

From Ritchie County Deaths 1919-1970, p. 108, line 25:

Dotson Eva M., died Aug 21, 1948 at Pennsboro; female, white, married; age at death 64 yr. 10 mo. 7 days; occ. housewife, b. Dodd. Co.; father Amizar Leeson b. WV; mother Ella Davis b. WV; cause of death heart failure, information by Bertha J. Riddle Registrar.

From his obituary (copy furnished by grand-daughter Helen L. Simmons):

"Frank Victor Dotson, 81, of Greenwood, died June 17, 1956, at Britton's Rest home in Doddridge County. He was born Jan 8, 1875, at Broken Bow, Kansas, a son of Israel and Jane Lynch Dotson and on Jan 9, 1899 was married to Eva Leeson, who preceded him in death. Survivors include the following sons and daughters; Mrs. Frank (Juanita) Collins, Miss Vera Dotson, Miss Ruby Dotson, all of Pennsboro; Mrs. L. H. (Edna) Collins, Greenwood; Miss Dora Dotson, Lancaster, Ohio; Harry Dotson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Clint Dotson, Rock Ledge Fla.; Russell Dotson, Honolulu, Hawaii; four brothers, Fred Dotson, Cumberland, Md.; Clinton Dotson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charles Dotson, Cleveland, O.; and Ben Dotson, Middletown, O.; 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren....."

Note: Information from grand-daughter Helen L. Simmons corrects the above obituary in that her mother Ruby Dotson Brooks (Mrs. Charles) was deceased in 1956, having died in 1950.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Dodd. Cent. 5 20 10 73:

Dotson Franklin	W	Jan 1875	25	WV
Eva M	W	Oct 1881	18	WV
Ruby	D	Aug 1898	1	WV

(Frank Victor was not listed in the 1910 WV census soundex)

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 10 33 5 4:

Dotson Frank V	W	45	Kansas
Eva M	W	36	WV
Ruby J	D	20	WV
Clinton	S	18	WV
Russel	S	17	WV
Harry	S	14	WV
Dora	D	13	WV
Edna	D	10	WV
Ada V	D	8	WV
Juniate	D	7	WV
Ruth	D	9/12	WV

Frank Victor Dotson, who lived at Greenwood, was a carpenter.

Known children (from grand-daughter Helen L. Simmons and the 1920 census) include:

1. Ruby J. Dotson, b. Aug 28, 1899 (or 1898) m. Charles Brooks, d. April 30, 1950

Three children:

(1) Lucille m. Edward Duckworth (Wayne Duckworth's son); she had two children.

(2) Helen, m. Preston Simmons, Jr. of Petroleum, WV. Three children:

(3) Earl Dewayne Brooks m. Mae Braham, Parkersburg, four sons.

2. Clint L. Dotson., b. Oct 7, 1901, liv. Rock Ledge, Fla. (1956), d. July 2, 1985

3. Russell Eugene Dotson, b. July 18, 1902; m. Mabel _____ who d. 1990; living Honolulu, HI (1956), Redlands, CA. (1991); has son Robert, b. 1930, who has son and daughter.

4. Harry Dotson. b. ca. 1906 d. Homestead Pa

5. Dora Dean (Dode) Dotson. born Dec 12, 1905 (ca. 1907 from census); never married; living Lancaster, Ohio (1956) d. Mar 3, 1976

6. Edna L. Dotson, b. ca. 1910, m. Lloyd H. Collins, have son Tommy Dotson Collins who m. Shirley _____, live Greenwood.

7. Vera (Bid) Dotson, b. Jan 15, 1911, not married, d. June 25, 1989

8. Juanita V. Dotson, b. Feb 19, 1913, m. Frank Collins (brother of Lloyd Collins) d. June 22, 1991.

From her obituary; "Juanita V. Collins, 78, of Harrisville, WV, died Saturday, June 22, 1991, in Cleveland (OH) Clinic.

She was born in Greenwood (Doddridge County), WV, a daughter of the late Frank B. and Eva Leeson Dotson. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pennsboro, WV.

Surviving are her husband, Frank L Collins (later died Jan 23, 1992 age 88); a son Dallas Collins of Harrisville; two daughters, Donna Francis of Westerville, OH, and Ada Ruth Mercer of Fredericktown, OH; a brother, Russell Dotson of California; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were three brothers and five sisters...Burial Mount Harmony Masonic Cemetery, Pennsboro."

9. Ruth M. Dotson, b. April 27, 1919, m. Jim Messinger; d. Oct 30 1984

f. Minnie b. ca. 1877 (from 1880 census, age 3) in Kansas. In the Greenwood cemetery: "Minnie O Dotson Williams 1877-1909"

g. Charles E. b. Feb 1879 in Kansas

h. Fred b. June 1882 in Kansas

i. Louisa b. Feb 24 1885 from birth record; (Laura b. March 1885 from 1900 census).

In the Greenwood cemetery: "Annie, Daughter of I N and L J Dotson Mar 24 1885 June 13 1908"

j. Benjamin Harrison b. May 1888 in WV

From the 1910 census, in the household of his father Israel: "Benjamin H, Son, age 21 born WV."

4.- Teresa E. Dotson, b. 27 May 1847. She m. Joseph Dougherty. They were living in the west (Kansas) in 1883. They returned to W.Va. and lived in the William Buskirk Dotson house, about halfway between Toll Gate and Greenwood. They were enumerated in the household of William B. in the 1900 census. Parents of three known children, all born in Kansas:

a. Bess Dougherty b. Oct 1880. Bess taught school at Greenwood. She did not spare the whip. I (Barr Wilson) do not know what became of her.

b. Nell Dougherty b. Jan 1883. She m(1) __ Crane. He must have been a carnival "Pitch Man." They came to Greenwood one time just before the Pennsboro Fair. This was in the 'teens and they had a Model T, Ford Touring car. A few days before the Fair they were pulling this old Ford up and down the road, trying to get it started. By Fair time, things were different. They had this Ford at the Fair. They were selling an attachment that connected between the Spark Plug and the spark Plug wire. It was supposed to make the car start easier. It was just a small piece of hard rubber, With a small hole on the center, covered with clear isinglass. The spark could be seen jumping across the small hole. This Ford was in A-1 condition. They would disconnect three wires, lift up the crank, and the Ford would start and run on one cylinder. They would do the same for two or three cylinders. These spark jumpers came in sets of four and sold for a dollar. They made a killing. Everybody in the area, who owned a Model T, bought a set. ____ Crane must have died. Nell came back to Greenwood and later m (2) ____; and moved to Parkersburg. Nell and ____ Crane had four children:

- 1.- Joe Crane. Moved to Parkersburg; now dead.
- 2.- Jim Crane. No information.
- 3.- Mamie Crane. She was in California (1983).
- 4.- __ Crane (girl). She was in California (1983).

c. Joseph b. Oct 1886; I do not know what became of him.

5.- William L. Dotson, b. 3 March 1849. This marriage in Ritchie Co.:

"16 Oct 1872...Wm. L. Dotson, 23...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Wm. B. & Louisa A.; & Margaret A. Hickman, 17... b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Barton H. & Nancy by Samuel B. Westfall."

In the household of his father William B. Dotson in the 1850 census of Doddridge County; "William L. 1 MW b. Virginia"; in 1860 "Wm L 11 M"; in 1870 "Wm L 29(?)"

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge 122 011:

Dotson W L	WM	31		Farmer	VA VA OH
Marget	WF	25	Wife	Keeping house	VA VA VA
Lucy	WF	6	Dau	at home	WV VA VA
Barton H	WM	2	Son	at home	WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV;Doddridge Co. Dodd Cent Dist 5 20 8 52:

Dotson William L	W	Mar 1849	51	WV
Margaret	W	Apr 1855	45	WV
Barton	S	Dec 1877	22	WV
Boyd L	S	July 1883	17	WV
Golden	S	June 1889	10	WV
Shirley	S	May 1892	8	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0027:

Dotson William L	H W	60	WV WV
Margaret	W	54	WV
Wade H	S	29	WV
Bou(y)d L	S	26	WV
Golden S	S	20	WV
Shirley M	S	17	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 10 33 5 30:

Dotson William	W	70	VA
Margaret	W	64	VA
Golden	S	30	WV

Wm. L. Dotson died March 18, 1925 (Dodd. Death Index Wm. E. Dotson, father W R Dotson) and she 31 April 1936. In the Greenwood Cemetery:

“Wm L Dotson Mar 3 1849 Mar 18 1925.

his wife Margaret H Apr 30 1955?? “

Parents of six children:

a.-Lucy Dotson, b. ca. 1874; in the household of her father Wm. L, in the 1880 census of Doddridge; “Lucy, WF, 6, Dau, at home, WV VA VA”

Lucy Dotson, m. “Rube” Taylor. For this family, see *Clay District Ritchie Co.* “The Daniel Taylor Family,”⁴⁵ pages 576, 596 and 674.

Two children:

1.- Floyd Taylor.

2.- Ethel Taylor.

b.- Barton H. Dotson, b. Dec 6, 1877 (Dodd. Co. births, vol. 1, p. 85; Dotson Barton, F?, parents Margaret Dotson and W. L. Dotson”; in the household of his father Wm. L, in the 1880 census of Doddridge; “Barton H., 2, WM, son, at home, WV VA VA” m. Edith _____ in Conn. Four children:

1.- Harry Dotson.

2.- Elroy Dotson.

3.- Margaret Dotson.

4.- ____ Dotson.

c.- Wm. Hampton “Hamp” Dotson, b. Dec 15, 1880 (Dodd. Birth Index, Vol 1, p 108) “Dotson Wm., M, parents Maragete Dotson and Wm. L. Dotson”; m. Maude Smith. This marriage in Wood Co. 24 March 1914: “Dotson, Wade Hampton 30, Doddridge, and Smith, Maude 27 Wood Co.” He was a career service man. No children.

d.- Boyd Dotson, b. 26 Aug 1883; d. 23 May 1958, buried at Greenwood. (no headstone for Boyd was found in a 1987 inventory of the Greenwood Cemetery) From Doddridge Co. birth index, Vol. 1 p. 126: “July 26 1883, Dotson, B.L., M, parents Marget Dotson and Wm. Dotson”. He m. Martha Nutter, dau. of Eli Nutter. She d. 1982 and is buried at Richwood, W.Va. Two children:

1.- Jack Dotson, m. Madge Marshall. He was postmaster at Richwood. He is dead and buried at Richwood, W. Va.

2. Victor Dotson, m. Mary Frances Goff. He made a career in the army. He died 1971, buried at Cairo, W. Va. (Note 1992; Mary Frances Goff Dotson living in Cairo and active in the Ritchie County Historical Society. For a family history sketch of her family please see p. 112 of *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980.*)⁴⁶



**Dougherty House, between Greenwood and Toll Gate, at Yeager Run Road
circa 1903-1904**

First Row (left to right):

- 1.- Wm. L. Dotson
- 2.- Isreal Dotson
- 3.- William Buskirk Dotson
- 4.- Mrs. Teresa Dotson Doughert
- 5.- Carrie Dotson Hickman

Second Row:

- 1.- Margaret Hickman Dotson
- 2.- William Hampton Dotson
- 3.- Floyd Taylor (hand over heart)
- 4.- Lucy Dotson Taylor
- 5.- Nell Dougherty Crane
- 6.- Joseph Dougherty
- 7.- Frank Sherwood
- 8.- Bess Dougherty

Third Row:

- 1.- Victoria Sherwood
- 2.- Martha Edwards Ellifritts
- 3.- Rube Taylor
- 4.- Jack Hickman
- 5.- Gussie Dotson Waldo
- 6.- Floyd Sherwood
- 7.- Winfield Ellefritts

Back Row:

- 1.- Franklin Pierce Dotson

e.- Golden Dotson; in the household of his father Wm. L. in the 1900 soundex census of Doddridge Co.; “Golden, Son, b. June 1889, age 10, bp WV”; in 1910, “Golden S, Son, 20, WV”; in 1920, “Golden, S, 30, WV” m. Emma Young. Resided at Greenwood. Both dead. No children.

f.- Shirley Dotson; in the household of his father Wm. L. in the 1900 soundex census of Dodd., “Shirley, Son, b. May 1892, age 8, bp. WV”; in 1910, “Shirley M, Son, 17, WV” m. Helen _____. Had Joe Dotson and four girls.

From the 1920 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 10 33 5 33:

Dotson Shirley M.	W	27	WV
Helen R	W	27	Ohio

6.- Owen F. Dotson, b. 9 Jan 1851; d. 1 Dec 1871.

7.- Rosie L. Dotson, b. 9 Jan 1853. (Mary R. in the 1870 census of Wm. B. Dotson).

This marriage in Doddridge Co.:

“17 Oct 1872...Rozel Dotson, 19...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...parents, William B. & Roseta Dotson; & James T. Coffendaffer, 22...single...b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Abraham & Clemenza.”

8.- Gabrilla Dotson, b. 17 March 1855; m. Francis Maron Waldo.

This marriage in Doddridge County:

“14 Nov 1872...Gabrilla Dotson, 18...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Wm. B & Louisa; and Francis M. Waldo, 22...single..b. Dodd. Co...Res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Hickman and Mary.” Miss Lowther’s *History of Ritchie Co.*, states, “Francis Waldo of Fairmont, W. Va.”

9.- Carrie Odell Dotson, b. 5 April 1857; m. Jack Hickman, son of Barton Hickman and Nancy Taylor.. (Jack was a brother of Margaret Hickman, who m. William L. Dotson).

They resided several places on the North Fork of Hughes River and finally came to Toll Gate, where they resided until their deaths. They are buried at Toll Gate.

They were parents of three children:

a.- Hugh Hickman, b. ca 1890. He worked in the oil and gas fields.

He went west and finally disappeared in Texas. He m. a Shepherd. They only lived together a year or two.

Two children:

1.- Robert “Bob” Hickman. He has disappeared. He was married and had children.

2.- Girl Hickman; died 1990.

b.- Stella Hickman, b. ca 1893; m. Porter Pratt. They resided at Toll Gate. She is still living, by herself, at Toll Gate (1983). Parents of three children:

1.- Louise Pratt, m. Harlan Hogue who is a great grandson of Peter Broadwater that m. Love Taylor. Love Taylor was a dau. of Edmund Taylor and Rachel McKinney.

From a *Broadwater Family History* by Wayne Bittenger...1988..p.16: “Peter Broadwater (Sept 12, 1840 or 41-Oct 18, 1877); m. Hannah Taylor.”

Children:

- (1) Sarah Dollie Broadwater (b. about 1867) First wife of Wayne Wilson. Near Morgantown. (She d. in Ritchie Co., before Wayne Wilson went to Morgantown.
- (2) Wheeler Comb Broadwater (March 1868-Aug 19, 1940. m. Catherine "Kate" Pfeltz, sister of Charles William "Bill" Pfeltz, Pennsboro W. Va.
- (3) Creed C. Broadwater (Aug 12, 1870), Muncie, Ind.
- (4) Thomas J. Broadwater, (March 13, 1872-Dec 17, 1894). Not married.
- (5) James T. Broadwater (b. about 1874).
- (6) Peter Michael "Peter Mike" (b. Dec 25, 1876) Marion County

The late Frank "Mutt" Broadwater of Pennsboro was a son of Wheeler Broadwater. For Harlan Hogue ancestry, see *The Broadwater Family*, "Peter Broadwater Branch"⁴⁷.

Harlan and Louise Pratt Hogue live at Glenville, W.Va. Harlan was a county agent until he retired. They have four children:

- (1) Donald Hogue, m. Sue Ritchie and have; Donna Hogue.
- (2) Dorothy Hogue, m. Ferman Lee Rhodes. They have; Robin Rhodes; Ferman Lee Rhodes II; and Jack Rhodes.
- (3) Helen Hogue, m. Lynn McClain. They have; Debbie McClain; Lisa McClain; and Angela McClain.
- (4) Patty Hogue, m. Jim Shaver. They have; Jimmy Shaver; Carol Shaver; and Scottie Shaver.

2.- John Pratt, m. Mary Corra of Pennsboro. They live at Clarksburg. He drives truck. They have three children:

- (1) James Pratt, m. Martha Jenkins. They have; Rachel Pratt.
- (2) John Pratt. He was a newscaster on TV Channel 12 in Clarksburg. Now (1983) works in Secretary of State's office.
- (3) Michelle Pratt.

3.- Lawrence Pratt, m. Doris Burgy. (He has been married more than once). He lived in Akron, Ohio; died 1990. One known child:

- (1) Shirley Pratt, m. Rachel Arnett, daughter of James and Rebecca Wilson Arnett. Rachel (1861-1942) married Henry Brooks. (Note: Helen Simmons' grand-parents on her father's side)

c.- William Bryan Hickman, b. ca 1895. He worked in the oil and gas fields in W.Va. and in the west. Married more than once. No children. He d. Berkeley, Ca., ca 1980.

10.- Sarah Louise ____ Dotson, b. 6 March 1873. This was an adopted or raised child. No information.

CHAPTER V-10. SOLOMON "SOL" DOTSON

Solomon "Sol" Dotson, b. 1817. This marriage in Harrison Co.: "8 Feb 1837...Solomon Dotson & Orlinda Tucker by Peter Davis." She was a dau. of Eli Tucker and Elizabeth Jaco. She d. 26 Dec 1863. This was his first marriage.

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County:

Dotson, Solomon (farmer)	33	born in Virginia
Orlinda	32	
Serena A.	12	
Eli B.	9	
Squire	6	
Christopher	2	
Tucker, Mary	34	
Nelson*	28	
Scott, James	20	

*Note: Nelson Tucker found in 1860 census of Adair Co. Missouri, adjacent to Eli B. Tucker and Margaret Dotson Tucker

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County (house 619, family 585):

Dodson Solomon L	45	Farmer	Va
Orlinda	43		Va
Eli B	19	Fm Hand	Va
Esquire	14		Va
Christopher C(olumbus)	12		Va
Floyd M	9		Va
Clarence T	5		Va
Korah A	3		Va
Bogard, Eliza	27		Va

This birth in Ritchie Co. "not named; Aug 3, 1857; parents Sol. L and Belinda Dotson"

Solomon "Sol" Dotson, m (2) Elizabeth West. This marriage in Rit. Co.: "15 Sept 1864...Solomon L. Dotson, 47...widower...Wood Co...Ritchie Co...son of William & Mary; married Elizabeth West, 22...single... Harrison Co...Ritchie Co...dau. of Henry & Margaret by Eli Riddle."

From the 1870 Kansas census; Marshall Co Vermillion Twp. Barrett Kansas 13th June 1870; Dwl 165 Fam. 166:

Dodson S. L.(Solomon)	49	MW	Farmer	RE\$2000 Per.\$800	VA
Elizabeth	25	FW	Keeping house		VA
Clarence	16	MW	at home		VA
Ciza? A (Korah A)	13	FW	at home		VA
Rutia A	5	FW	at home		Missouri
Vieta	4	FW	at home		MO
Evaline	1	FW	at home		KS

From the 1880 census soundex Kansas; Marshall Co Rock Twp. 12 172 6 1:

Dotson Solomon	WM	68	VA
Labitha	W	57	Ken.
Rissia (Rutia A)	D	15	Iowa
Evaline	D	11	KS
Porter	S	6	KS

From the 1900 census soundex of KS; Marshall Co Rock Twp 33 56 5 11:

Dotson Solomon S	W	Jul 1816	83	WV
Carrie C	W	Jan 1837	63	NH
Porter L	S	Apr 1872	28	KS
Auld, Carrie C.	GD	Jul 1890	10	KS
Thomas, Fanny	Si	Dec 1853	46	IL
Thomas, Carl	Bo	Oct 1884	15	MO

Solomon Dotson bought an article at the sale of the estate of Thomas Dotson, deceased, on Buck Run, 3 Feb 1848.

Solomon Dotson received five land grants in Virginia/West Virginia. The first was in 1843 for 100 acres on the waters of Hughes River in (then) Wood County; subsequently four additional in Ritchie County in 1847, 1851, 1853 and 1865 in the Long Run/Hughes River area. For further information see *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865)*⁴⁸

The seven known children of Solomon Dotson (by the first marriage to Orlinda Tucker):

1.- Serena A. Dotson, b. 1838.

No information.

2.- Eli B. Dotson, b. ca. 1841. This marriage in Ritchie County: "17 Jan 1861...Eli B. Dotson, 20...single...b. Rit. Co...Parents, S.L. & 0.; & Mary Harris, 16...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Rit. Co... Parents, Thomas & Mary Harris."

From the Missouri 1900 soundex; 59 99 10 41 McDonald Co Prairie Twp:

Dotson, Eli B	W	Nov 1840	59	WV
Nancy	W	Apr 1844	56	WV

This may or may not be the same Eli B. Dotson; birth dates and ages check but wife's name is "Nancy" not "Mary"; may be a second marriage.

3.- Squire Dotson, b. 1844.

4.- Christopher Columbus Dotson, b. 1848.

From the 1880 census soundex of Kansas:

"Columbus Dotson, 30, brother, b. VA" in the household of Floyd Dotson, age 26, b. VA. (see below)

From the 1900 census soundex of KS; Marshall Co Rock Twp 33 56 5- 26:

Dotson Christopher C	W	Apr 1850	50	WV	Living alone
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5.- Floyd M, b. ca. 1851

From the 1880 census soundex Kansas; Marshall Co Clear Fork Twp. 12 166 12 1:

Dotson Floyd	W M	26	VA
Emma V	W	24	Iowa
Claria C	D	6	KS
Lillian L	D	3/12	KS
Columbus	B	30	VA

Note; Marshall Co. is same county in which their father Solomon Dotson was found in the 1870 and 1880 census of Kansas (see above)

6.- Clarence T, b. ca. 1855

7.- Korah A, b. ca. 1857

Four children by his second wife Elizabeth (from census of 1870 and 1880)

8.- Rutia A., b. ca. 1865 in Missouri or Iowa.

9.- Vieta, b. ca. 1866 in Missouri; apparently died young.

10.- Evaline b. ca. 1869 in Kansas.

11.- Porter, b. April 1872 in Kansas, from the 1900 census soundex of KS

Solomon married (3) Labitha_____ b. ca. 1823 in Kentucky. (from the 1880 census of KS)

Solomon married (4) Carrie C._____ b. Jan 1837 in New Hampshire (from the 1900 census soundex of KS)

CHAPTER V-11.

ELIZA MARGARET DOTSON.

From *Jacob Collins Sr. and Phebe Stuthart*,⁴⁹ page 105. "Benjamin Bond, Sr. had a son, Benjamin Bond Junior, who m. Nancy Barney. Three known children" 1.- William Bond; 2.- Thomas Bond; and 3.- Barney Bond.

William Bond m. 1809, Catherine Thomas. They had a son, Butler Bond, b. 31 March 1818; m. 11 Sept 1841, *Eliza Margaret Dotson*; b. 11 Aug 1820, a dau. of William Dotson and Mary Franks.

This marriage in Tyler County:

"11 Sept 1841...Butler Bond and Eliza Dotson by M. Maddox."

Mrs. Sacco's (see below) records show that her name was Eliza Margaret Dotson. She had a sister named Elizabeth (Chap. V-5) and another named Margaret Chap. V-8).

From William Clark's diary,⁵⁰ "1 Nov 1904...Butler Bond buried to-day."

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County:

Bond, Butler (farmer) age 32 years born in Virginia

Eliza 30

Oliver 7

Camden 6

Jane 5

William 3

Helen 2

Evaline 6 months.

Cain, James* 18 years.

Annotation by Mary Davis Atkinson:" Butler Bond married Eliza Dotson, 11 Sept

1841, in Tyler Co., WV by M. Maddox, Baptist Min. Res. Tyler County, 1860; Ref. Census, Household No. 780-780"

*For James Cain, see Chapter XV Ruth Dotson.

From the 1860 census of VA; Tyler County; North Bend Mills PO780-780:

Bond Butler B	41	M	Farmer	R.E. \$1200 per.	\$425	VA
Eliza	41	F				
Oliver	17	M				
Camden	16	M				
Jane	15	F				
William	16	M				
Helen	12	F				
Mary A	11	F				
Emza	7	F				
Esquire	4	M				
Cindona	1	F				

From the 1870 census of VA; Tyler County; Centerville Twp, Middlebourne; 28-28:

Bond Butler	49	MW	Farming	\$1000	\$400	VA
Eliza	50	FW				VA
Camden	23	FW				VA
William	22	MW				VA
Eveline	19	FW				VA
Mary	18	FW				VA
Emsy	17	FW				VA
Squire	14	MW				VA
John	10	MW				VA
Sandony	12	FW				VA
Sherman	6	MW				VA

From the 1900 Census soundex of WV; Doddridge West Union Dist 5 27 21 77:

Bond, B. Frank	W	Apr 1828	72	WV
Eliza	W	July 1830	69	WV
Sullivan, Stella	orphan	Mar 1886	14	WV

Butler Bond and Eliza Margaret Dotson were parents of 16 children:

1.- Oliver Bond, b. 1843.

2.- Camden Bond, b. 1844. He m (1) Caroline Pool; m (2) Mary Hart.

3.- Jane Bond, b. 1845; m. Jacob Netzer.

4.- William Bond. b. ca. 1847. Never married. Lived alone in Bond Hollow. He came to Toll Gate to the store about once a month and visited all day with the people that came to the store.

5.- Helen Bond, b. 1848; m. Andy Duty.

6.- Eveline Bond, b. 1849; m. 22 July 1870, John Marshall Collins.

From "Jacob Collins Sr. and Phebe Stuthart," ⁵¹ page 106.

"John Marshall Collins, b. 12 Dec 1849; m. 22 July 1870, Eveline Bond b. 1849; dau. of Butler Bond and Eliza Margaret Dotson.

In the Greenwood Cemetery;

John M. Collins, 1849-1912.

Eveline Collins, 1849-1940.

The graves are in different areas of the cemetery. They did not live together in later years of their marriage. He died in Chicago.

They were the parents of nine children. (All of the children were b. in Doddridge Co. and lived there for several years, then in the late 1920s many of them moved ...mostly to Ohio.)

a.- Minnie Collins, m. ____ Rogers.

b.- Alfred Collins, m. Jettie Gain, lived in Arkansas. From *Descendants of Adam J. & Susan Fleming Gain*,⁵² by Evelyn P. Gain Furner; "Jettie Blanche Gain, b. Dec 23, 1876, in Dodd. Co., m. Alph C. Collins, May 4, 1898 in Dodd. Co.; d. Jan 4, 1950 in Washington, D.C." Had three children.

c.- Dona Collins, b. 1877, m (1) Monroe Koontz; m (2) Goff Fleming. Lived in West Union, W.Va.

d.- Neal Collins, b. 1879, m. Dollie Cottrill. Lived West Union.

e.- Ina Collins, m. Fielding Britton. Lived in Ohio.

f.- John Collins, m. Ethel Lawson. Resided in Ohio.

g.- Mary Jane Collins, b. 1884; m. Jefferson Gain.

From *Descendants of Adam J. and Susan Fleming Gain* by Evelyn P. Gain Furner⁵³
 "George Jefferson Gain, b. Feb 3, 1879 on Arnold Creek; m. Mary Jane Collins, March 1, 1904. Died Aug 1916 at West Union." Parents of three children:

1.- ____

2.- ____

3.- Helen Victoria Gain.

"Helen Victoria Gain, b. Oct 18, 1906 in Ritchie Co., W.Va., married Russell Bonnell, Feb 20, 1924 in Dodd. Co. Died Sept 26, 1972 in Clarksburg, W.Va." Parents of two children:

(3a) Mrs. Helen Pauline (Paula) Sacco, 4864 Rolling Hills Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236

(3b) Mary Madeline Bonnell Willis, Librarian Doddridge County Library, West Union, W.Va.

h.- ____

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7.- Mary Ann Bond, b. 1849 (1852); m. 1873, James A. Cain. For this family see Chapter XV Ruth Dotson and *History of Ritchie County to 1980*, ⁵⁴ Page 74, Column 2.

8.- John Bond, b. ca 1850 m. Jeanette ____.

9.- Emzy Bond, b. ca. 1852; m. James T. Cain. (Same as for Mary Ann Bond.)

10.- Squire Bond, b. ca. 1856 (twin), m. Lydia Duty. Mrs. Margaret Thomas, 124 Woodland Ave., Marietta, Ohio 45750 is a descendant of Squire Bond.

11.- Edith Bond (twin). d. at age 9 months.

12.- Cindona Bond, b. ca. 1858; m. John Chipps.

13.- Sherman Bond, b. ca. 1864 He was the youngest child. Never married. Known in all counties bordering on Doddridge. Worked on oil pipelines. Killed by a train at Central Station, W.Va.

14, 15, and 16.- Died at birth. not named.

CHAPTER V-12.

CYNTHIA DOTSON.

Cynthia Dotson, b. 15 June 1822. This marriage in Doddridge Co.:
 “8 Feb 1848. (19 Aug 1850)..Thomas J. Scott and Jacinta (Cynthia) Dotson by Samuel Archibald.”

From Hardesty’s history of Doddridge County, 1883⁵⁵:

“THOMAS SCOTT...was b. Jan 20, 1804 in Hampshire Co. (now) W.Va., a son of James R. and Nancy (Dotson) Scott. (See Chapter VI) James R. Scott was a bound boy to “Joe Logston” the celebrated pioneer of Ky., and at a later date served in the Indian war in that country, under General James Scott. In 1809, with his little family, James R. Scott settled near Greenwood. Afterwards he lived near Oxford, then on the North Fork of Hughes river in Ritchie Co. (where his wife died), whence he went to Meigs Co., Ohio. Thomas Scott, after remaining with his father through these years, returned to Dodd. Co. and entered and bought his present farm, at first owning a very large tract round where he now lives.

He has sold off all but 127 acres, where he is now pleasantly located for the remaining years of his life. 1 1/2 miles Southwest of Central Station. Near Greenwood, Dodd. Co., Aug 19, 1851 (Note...This date does not correspond to the marriage date above), Thomas Scott and Cynthia Dotson were united in m. and the children born to them were six: Two are now deceased, the others still living with them. These children were: Josie R., b. July 25, 1856; John W., b. Nov 26, 1857, d. June 6, 1872; Cecelia V. L., Oct 2, 1858, d. April 8, 1876; Laura A., June 12, 1861; William H., Jan 22, 1863; Jennie Jan 17, 1867. The wife of Mr. Scott was b. in Dodd. Co., June 15, 1822, a dau. of William and Mary A. (Franks) Dotson, who died in this Co., near Greenwood. The P.O. Address of Thomas Scott is Central Station, Doddridge County, W.Va.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County (Family 108):

Scott, Thomas D. (farmer)	age 45 years.	born in Virginia
Jacynthia (Cynthia)	28(?)	born in Virginia
Marvel, Sarah E.	9	born in Illinois

Families numbers 107 and 109 were respectively Henry V. Duckworth and Zachary Dotson.

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge County (House 762, Family 763):

Scott, T D	56	M	Farmer	Real est. \$4000, pers. \$300
Jacintha	59(?39)	F		
R J (Josie R)	10	F		
Jno W	8	M		
C V	6	F		
L A (Laura A)	4	F		
W H (Wm. H.)	2	M		

It is interesting to note that the two families preceding Thomas and Cynthia Scott in this census were John and Mahala Dotson (Family 761), and Lloyd and Elizabeth Ruley (Family 762); Jacintha and Elizabeth were sisters of John Dotson. Thomas Scott engaged in many land dealings with his brother-in-law John Dotson during the 1850s.

From the 1870 census of WV; Dodd Central Twp West Union PO; 65:

Scott Thomas D	66	MW	Farmer \$2000 \$250	Virginia
Cynthia	47	FW	Keeping house	VA
Josephine	19	FW		VA
Sicillia	16	FW		VA
Alice	12	FW		VA
John W	17	MW		VA
Wm H	12	MW		VA
Cyntha J	4	FW		WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County 122 (Central) 004:

Scott, Thomas D.	WM	76	Farmer	VA VA VA
Jacintha	WF	58	Wife	Keeps house VA VA VA
Josie R	WF	28	Dau	Attend. school VA VA VA
Laura A	WF	23	Dau	At home VA VA VA
William H	WM	20	Son	Farm laborer VA VA VA
Jane L(Jennie)	WF	13	Dau	At home VA VA VA

Children of Thomas and Jacintha Dotson Scott are shown in the above censuses.

CHAPTER V-13
SQUIRE DOTSON.

Squire Dotson b. 1825. This marriage in Ritchie County:

“October 28, 1849...Squire Dotson & Caroline Pool by Eli Riddle.”

Squire Dotson bought an item at the sale of the estate of Thomas Dotson, deceased, on Buck Run, 3 Feb 1848.

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County:

Dotson, Squire	(farmer)	age 25 years	born Virginia
Caroline		22	b. Va

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County (633-599):

Dodson, Esquire	34	Farmer	VA
Caroline	32		VA
Zodona	7		VA

Mary E	5	VA
Thomas	2	VA

These births in Ritchie Co. "Mary Ellen Dotson, —30, 1855; parents Squire and Caroline Dotson" and "Thos. P Dotson Oct 16, 1857; parents Squire and C. Dotson"

From the 1880 census soundex of Missouri: Schuyler Co. Independence Twp 43 153 2 22:

Dotson Squire	WM	54	VA
Caroline	W	50	VA
Thomas	S	22	VA
William L	S	16	VA
Emma C	D	9	Mo

From the Missouri 1900 soundex; 105 146 4 10 Adair Co Liberty Twp:

Dotson Squire	W	Aug 1825	74	WV
Caroline	W	Aug 1828	72	WV

From the Missouri 1870 census Adair Co. Township 64, Range 13 Wilmothville PO 19 19:

Pool Thomas	66	M W	Farmer	\$3500	\$600	VA
Annie	64	F W	Keeping house			VA
Charles P	27	M W	Farmer			VA
Misvasi?(Missouri)	29	F W	without occup			VA

Thomas and Anna Pool were Caroline's parents, who with her brother Vanvensella age 27 and family, were living in Adair County Missouri in 1870; Squire Dotson and Caroline however were not found there in 1870. Squire and Caroline were found in 1880 in the adjacent county of Schuyler, and in 1900 in Adair Co. Missouri, as shown above.

No other information.

CHAPTER V-14

MARY JANE DOTSON.

Mary Jane Dotson, b. 23 Feb 1827; d. 1903. This m. in Doddridge Co.: "24 January 1850 (or 24 June per Mary Davis Atkinson census of 1850 book)..Mary Jane Dotson & William C. Ellefritt."

"William C. Ellefritts, b. 16 Sept 1819 in Md. and d. 9 Jan 1878 at Greenwood.

For more Ellifritts information, see age 21 *The Duckworth Family*,⁵⁶ and page 434 *Descendants of John Wilson* ⁵⁷ with reference to the Ellifritts family; additionally pages 136 and 137 of *The History of Doddridge County, West Virginia.*, 1979.⁵⁸ The latter is the Hobart Ellefritts family and his brother Duane Ellefritts family (immediate families).

From the 1850 Census of VA; Doddridge County (Family No. 98):

William Ellefritt	30	MW	Farmer	b. Maryland
Mary Jane	22	FW		b. Virginia

Note: Family Nos. 96 and 97 were respectively William Buskirk Dotson, a brother of Mary Jane, and her father William Dotson Sr.

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge County (Family No. 782):

Ellifrit	W C	39	M
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Mary J	32	F
W S (Winfield Scott)	9	M
Victoria	7	F
A (Ethaniza)	5	F
Lafayette	3	M
Jno W	2	M
Mary A	6/12	F

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co., Central Dist. West Union P. O. p. 8,
106-102:Ellefritt, Wm C. 52 MW Farmer R.E. \$2000 per \$300 Md.

Mary J.	43	FW	keeping house	VA
Winfield S.	19	MW		VA
Victoria	17	FW		VA
Athanissa	15	FW		VA
Lafayette	13	MW		VA
John	11	MW		VA
Mary A	10	FW		VA
Sherman	8	MW		VA
Emanuel	6	MW		WV
Henry	2	MW		WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County 122 012:

Ellifritt, M J (w)	WF	52		Keeping hse	VA VA VA
Ethaniza	WF	25	Dau	at home	VA MD VA
John	WM	22	Son	farm labr.	VA MD VA
Sherman	WF(M)	13	Son	farm labr.	VA MD VA
Manuel	WM	18	Son	farm labr.	WV MD VA
Henry	WM	11	Son	farm labr.	WV MD VA

(C011):

Ellifritt, Winifred (Winfield)	WM	29		Farmer	VA MD VA
Martha	WF	24	Wife	Keeping hse	VA VA VA
Lilia	WF	1	Dau	at home	WV VA VA

(C010): under Bee, Wickliff

Ellifritt, Mary A	WF	20	Servant	Servant	VA MD VA
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William C. and Mary Jane Dotson Ellifritts were parents of 10 children:

1.- Victoria Ellifritts, b. 17 Dec 1852; d. 4 Feb 1937. She m. Frank Sherwood, 17 April 1873. Frank Sherwood, b. 2 April 1850; d. 11 Feb 1950. Five children:

a.- Avie Lillian Sherwood, 1875-1953; m. James Waldo (son of Hickman Waldo). Five children:

1.- Ralph "Hick" Waldo, b. 1896; d. 21 Feb 1972. He m. Nellie Dotson. (Chapter XVI-3 Arius Dotson)

Three children:

- (1) William "Bill". Waldo, m. Maxine Burgess.
- (2) Elena Waldo, m. Roy Underwood.
- (3) Helen Lorraine Waldo, m. Porter Nutter.

2.- Sam Waldo, m. Alice Dotson (dau. of Richard Michael Dotson and Maud Batton. (Chapter VIII-9).

3.- ____ Waldo, m. Everett Wilson.

4.- ____ Waldo, m. Coy Cantwell.

5.- Girl Waldo, m. ____.

b.- Cornelius Sherwood, b. 25 March 1877; d. 16 Jan 1965.

c.- Ida Sherwood, b. 2 March 1879; d. 28 Feb 1890.

d.- Reginald Floyd Sherwood, b. 17 April 1881; d. 10 Sept 1976. He m. Lillian Tidd.

e.- Walter Sherwood, b. 10 Jan 1886; d. 24 April 1956. He m. Marietta Jennings.

Four children:

1.- Walter Sherwood.

2.- Frank Sherwood.

3.- Geraldine Sherwood.

4.- Mary Sherwood.

2.- Anthansia Ellifritt, 1854-1942; m. Anthony Mason in 1883. He b. 14 May 1853; d. 1939.

Four known children:

a.- Cecil Mason.

b.- Carl Mason.

c.- ____ Mason.

d.- Girl Mason. Never married.

3.- Winfield Scott Ellifritt, b. 4 May 1855 (b. 1851 per 1860, 1870 and 1880 census); d. 5 May 1917. He m. Martha Edwards 23 Aug 1877. She b. 1856; d. 1934.

Eight children:

a.- Lillie Ellifritt, m. Theodore Hufford.

b.- Dessie Ellifritt, m. Matt Shuttlesworth.

c.- Jud Ellifritt, m (1) Nora Nolan; m (2) Elsie Doak.

d.- Brant Ellifritt, m. Lora Harper.

e.- Ona Ellifritt, died young.

f.- Grover Ellifritt, m. Edna Gary.

g.- Edna Ellifritt, m. Clyde Dotson. (Descendant of Zachary, Chapter XII).

h.- Victor Ellifritt, m. Gussie Hudkine. For Hudkins, see page 387, *Descendants of John Wilson*.⁵⁹, with reference to the Ellifritts family.

4.- Latimer (Lafayette) Ellifritt. b. ca. 1857

5.- John Ellifritt, b. 3 May 1858; d. 28 Jan 1926. He m. Nora Dotson, 1857-1952.

From the Doddridge Death Register:

Ellifritt John W died 5 28 26 Dodd. Co. age 61y 1m 25 d; married, farmer; b 5 28 1858 Greenwood WV; father Ellifritt Wm., mother Mary Jane Dotson; undertaker A J Osborne; informant Mrs J W Ellifritt.

6.- (Mary) Ann Ellifritt, 1860-1926; m. "Pep" Waldo (son of Hickman Waldo). "Pep" Waldo, b. 29 March 1860; d. 1 Nov 1926. Two children:

- a.- Will Waldo.
- b.- Hugh Waldo.

7.- Sherman Ellifritt, b. 30 Nov 1862

8.- Squire Ellifritt, b. 3 April 1864; d. 20 April 1864.

9.- Henry Ellifritt, b. 9 Nov 1868; d. 1897.

10.- Emanuel Ellifritt, b. 18 Jan 1869 (1864 or 1862 per census).

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Chapter VI

Nancy Dotson

Nancy Dotson, b. ca 1782 or 1783. We do not have positive proof that Nancy Dotson was a dau. of Richard Dotson. She m. James R Scott. In 1809 they settled near Greenwood. This goes a long way to indicate that she was a daughter of Richard Dotson.

They had a son, Thomas Scott, b. 20 Jan. 1804 in Hampshire Co., Va. This was probably their oldest child. If she were twenty years of age, at the time of the birth of Thomas, this would make her birthyear 1784 or before. Refer to Cynthia Dotson, Chapter V-12 for proof of the above as well as information of the travels of the family.

In the 1850 census of Ritchie Co., family of Solomon Dotson (Chapter V-10), there is a James Scott, 20 years of age. He is probably the youngest child of James R. Scott and Nancy Dotson. It is reported that James R. Scott moved to Meigs Co., Ohio; the son, Thomas Scott and the daughter Ruth Scott remained in, or returned to, the Central Station area of present day Doddridge County, WV.

Parents of three known children:

- 1.- Thomas Scott, b. 20 Jan. 1804 in Hampshire Co., Va. He m. Cynthia Dotson. Chapter V-12.
- 2.- Ruth Scott, m. Eli B. Tucker. See Chapter V-8.
- 3.- James Scott, b. ca 1830. Shown in the family of Solomon Dotson, Chapter V-10.

Chapter VII

Emanuel Dotson, Sr.

Emanuel Dotson, Sr., born ca. 1785, married Mary Redick, b. 1785, on 19 June 1804. The marriage bond, signed by Richard Dotson, Sr. provides proof of his relationship to Emanuel, Sr.

This marriage in Harrison County, VA: "19 June 1804...Emanuel Dotson & Mary Redick by John Davis."

A copy of the marriage bond, signed by Mary's parents Robert and Agnes Redick, and Richard Dotson, father of Emanuel, is shown below, together with a transcription:

Transcription of Marriage Bond, Emanuel Dotson and Mary Redick:

"Know all men by these presents, that we Emanuel Dodson and Lawrence Mealy are held and firmly bound unto John Page Governor of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, to the said Governor or his successors, we bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated the 19 day of June 1804.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, that whereas there is a Marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between said Emanuel to said Mary Reddick.

Now if there be no lawful cause to object the said Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of (illegible) Emanuel Dodson (seal)
Lawrence Mealy (seal)

We do certify that our daughter Mary is twenty years of age and has not any objections against her being married to Emanuel Dodson given under our hands this 18th day of June 1804 Teste Lawrence Mealy Agnes X Redick Robert Redick

I do certify that Emanuel Dodson is of age and has not any objections to his being married to the above young woman Richard X Dodson"

If Emanuel were 20 years of age at the time of his marriage, it would make his birthyear 1785. It should be noted that in this marriage bond, Richard said that he (Emanuel) was "of age".

Emanuel, Sr. (along with his father Richard and brother William Sr.) first appeared by name in the 1810 census of Wood Co. VA:

Dotson, Emanuel: Males; 1 under 10, 1 26-45; Females; 2 under 10, 1 26-45.

Marriage
Bond
1804
Emanuel
Dotson
and
Mary
Redick

In presence of the we, *Emmanuel Dotson*
and his *son* bound unto *John Page* Governor of
the full sum of one hundred and fifty
with payment well and truly to be made, to the
Governor or his successors, we bind our selves, and each
of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and sever-
ally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and
dated this *15th* day of *June 1804*

The condition of the above Obligation is such, that where-
as there is a Marriage shortly intended to be solemnized be-
tween *Emmanuel Dotson* and *Mary Redick*
now if there be no lawful cause to object the said Marriage,
then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in
full force and virtue.
Signed sealed and delivered } *Emmanuel Dotson*
in presence of } *Laurence Healy*

We Do Certify that *Emmanuel Dotson* is *twenty* years of age
that any objections against his being
married to *Emmanuel Dotson* from under
our hands this *15th* day of *June 1804*
Laurence Healy *James Redick*
Robert Smith

We Do Certify that *Emmanuel Dotson* is *twenty* years of age and has not any objections
to his being married to the above
Mary Redick
Richard Dotson

From the 1820 census of VA; Tyler County;

Dotson, Emanuel: Males, 2 under 10; 1 10-16; 1 26-45.

Females, 3 under 10; 2 10-16; 1 26-45.

Assuming all were their own children, this makes a total of 8 children (3 boys and 5 girls), born by 1820.

From the 1830 census of VA; Harrison County;

Dotson, Amanuel: Males, 1 under 5, two 5-10, 1 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 20-30, 1 50-60;

Females 1 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 40-50.

Assuming all were their own children, three additional boys were born after 1820.

An attempt to place these children by name in the appropriate age group will be given and discussed later in the chapter.

Emanuel Dotson was not found in any subsequent census, thus indicating that he died before 1840, and deeds signed by him and Mary in 1832 place his death after 1832. In the 1840 census, Mary was found (female, age 50-60) in the house-hold of their son William L. in Harrison County; then finally in 1850, Mary (age 63, born in Pennsylvania) in the household of her son Joseph, age 23, in Ritchie County.

In 1810, Emanuel was given (for one dollar) seventy-seven acres of land on Dotson Run by his father Richard; this plot (in present-day Greenwood and adjoining that of his brother William, Sr.) was subsequently sold by Emanuel and wife Mary of Harrison Co. to his brother William Sr. in 1832. In 1815, Emanuel was granted 100 acres situated on the divide between the waters of Dotson Run and Wilhelms Creek at present day Duckworth; this land was deeded by Emanuel and wife Mary of Harrison Co. to his nephew Emanuel (son of William Sr.) in 1831. In 1818 and 1820 Emanuel was granted three adjacent tracts totalling 200 acres situated on Buck Run in then Wood County (later Ritchie); all three of these tracts were sold by Emanuel and his wife Mary of Harrison Co. to his brother Thomas, Sr. in 1832. For details of these land transactions, including 'meets and bounds' descriptions, as well as county boundary changes during this period, the reader is referred to the author's *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865)*...., 1988¹.

Emanuel Dotson served in the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812; he commenced service August 30, 1814 in the 6th Regiment, Captain Henry Steed's Company (Wood County). Later transferred to Captain Davidson's Company. On mustering out on February 22, 1815 at Norfolk, he was attached to Captain Steed's company in the 5th Regiment of the Virginia Militia. Copies of his Pay Roll and Muster Roll are shown below.

It is interesting to note that he was allowed pay, at the rate of eight dollars per month, for travel time home of 30 days, 600 miles from Norfolk to Wood County.

At the time of the outbreak of the War of 1812, Virginia's militia regiments were organized by county; Wood County's militia was commanded by Captain Henry Steed. Virginia's Governor Barbour, realizing the need for a strong force to defend the Norfolk-Chesapeake area from attack by the British Fleet, which was stationed outside the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, called up militia units outside of the immediate counties under threat. Among these was the Wood county company, commanded by Captain Steed, which was attached to the 6th Regiment; the latter was formed in August 1814 when the British Fleet was augmented and again appeared to threaten the Norfolk area. It saw no action however and was disbanded in February 1815 at the cessation of hostilities. The stationing of large numbers of soldiers in the Norfolk area insured that the landing of a large-scale British

invasion force was not attempted. Emanuel's service from Aug 1814 to Feb 1815 corresponds to that of the 6th (or 5th) regiment.

Additional information about the Virginia Militia in the War of 1812 may be found in Stuart Lee Butler's *A Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812*.²

D 5 Va. Militia.	D 5 Va. Militia.
<u>Emanuel Dotson</u>	<u>Emanuel Dotson</u>
Appears with the rank of <u>Pri</u> on a	<u>Pri</u> , { Capt. Henry Steed's Company of
<u>Pay Roll</u>	Infantry, 5 Reg't Virginia Militia,
of a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Henry Steed, 5 Regiment Virginia Militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. Isaac Booth, in service at Norfolk,	commanded by Lieut. Col. Isaac Booth. (War of 1812.)
(War of 1812.)	Appears on
for <u>Oct 31 to Dec 30</u> , 181 <u>4</u> .	<u>Company Muster Roll</u> for <u>Oct 30 to Dec 30</u> , 181 <u>4</u> .
Roll dated <u>Dec 30</u> , 181 <u>4</u> .	Roll dated <u>Norfolk</u>
Commencement of pay or of this settlement, } <u>Oct 21</u> , 181 <u>4</u> .	<u>Dec 30</u> , 181 <u>4</u> .
Expiration of pay or of this settlement, } <u>Dec 30</u> , 181 <u>4</u> .	Commencement of service, <u>Aug. 30</u> , 181 <u>4</u> .
Term of service charged, <u>2</u> months, <u>10</u> days.	Expiration of service, <u>Mar. 1</u> , 181 <u>5</u> .
Pay per month, <u>8</u> dollars, _____ cents.	Present or absent, <u>Present</u>
Amount of pay, <u>18</u> dollars, <u>8</u> cents.	Remarks and alterations since last muster: _____
Remarks: <u>sick. joined 7th Dec. 1814. Pay due from 21st Oct. 1814.</u>	<u>Joined 7th Dec 1814</u> <u>Pay due from 21st Oct.</u>
<u>A. H. Davis</u> (578) Copied.	<u>A. H. Davis</u> (580) Copied.

Emanuel Dotson
Pay Roll and Muster Roll
Virginia Militia
War of 1812

From information presented later (Chap.VII-3 Wm. L Dotson), it is concluded that in 1830, Emanuel and Mary resided somewhere on the left-hand branch of Arnold Creek above Central Station which at that time was in Harrison County; later, after its formation in 1846, it became a part of Doddridge. It is further concluded that after his father Emanuel's death (1833-1840) William L continued to live there until sometime between 1840 and 1844, when he and his wife Elizabeth moved to Washington County Ohio. It is likely that at about the same time, widow Mary (Aunt Polly) with her remaining children moved to Buck Run near her daughter Mary Dotson Gregg (Mrs. Elza); her brother-in-law Thomas Dotson, Sr., to whom she and Emanuel had sold the 200 acre Buck Run tracts in 1832, also resided in that community. Thomas Dotson, Sr. had subsequently deeded portions of these tracts, totaling ninety-three acres, to Elzy (Elza) Gregg on 4 Jan 1843.

In her later widow-hood while residing on Buck Run, Mary was known as "Aunt Polly Dotson." The proof of this: When her daughter, Mary Dotson Gregg (widow), m. (2) Andrew G. Yeager, 14 Dec 1867 in Dodd. Co., she gave as her parents, "Emanuel and Polly Dotson".

From Miss Lowther's *History of Ritchie County* ³p. 144: "AUNT POLLY" DOTSON, a widow, whose identity we have been unable to learn, was another early settler on Buck Run, but the names of her children have been given us as follows: Benjamin, Robert, Thomas, John S., Joseph and Mrs. Mary Griggs (Gregg). And from these two pioneers (that is, Aunt Polly and her brother-in law, Thomas, Sr.), the numerous families of the name on Buck Run to-day are descended. Like the other Dotsons they are said to be a peaceable, law abiding race of people. Many of them are religiously inclined, and not a few of them have entered the ministry of the Christian Church (Church of Christ), and some of the younger generations are identified in the teaching profession."

From her revised edition⁴, written in the late 1930s: "MRS. MARY DOTSON, or 'AUNT POLLY' as she was known, was another pioneer with her family on Buck Run. (Maiden Name, Mary Redick, wife of Emanuel Dotson, brother of Thomas J., Zachary and etc.) We know nothing of her identify other than that she was born in Pennsylvania in 1785 and that she was a widow with the following named children but it is evident that she belonged to this family: Benjamin, Robert, Thomas, John S., Joseph, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Mary Griggs. (Mary Gregg, wife of Elza Gregg). These two pioneer families were the forebearers of the large number of the name on Buck Run today."

In Ritchie County Deaths (p. 3, line 10): "Mary Dotson, white female, Aug 8, 1855; age 70 consumption; rept by Mr. Dotson".

Mary Redick Dotson is likely buried in the Buck Run Cemetery. There are no markers. Since the first person buried in this cemetery was Thomas Dotson, Sr. (d. Dec 1847) it is evident that Emanuel was buried elsewhere, perhaps on the left-hand branch of Arnold Creek above Central Station.

Emanuel Dotson and Mary Redick were the parents of eleven children:

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|---|--------------|
| 1.- Girl Dotson | Chap. VII-1 |
| 2.- Girl Dotson | Chap. VII-2 |
| 3.- William L. Dotson, b. 1810 | Chap. VII-3 |
| 4.- Frances Dotson Fleming b. 1811-1812 | Chap. VII-4 |
| 5.- Benjamin Dotson, b. 10 Nov 1817. | Chap. VII-5 |
| 6.- Mary Dotson Gregg Yeager b. 1818 | Chap. VII-6 |
| 7.- Girl Dotson (prob. Eliza) b. ca. 1820 | Chap. VII-7 |
| 8.- John S. Dotson, b. 1821 | Chap. VII-8 |
| 9.- Robert Dotson, b. 1823 | Chap. VII-9 |
| 10.- Thomas Dotson, b. 1825 | Chap. VII-10 |
| 11.- Joseph Dotson, b. 1827. | Chap. VII-11 |

Two girls, born before 1810, are shown as evidenced by the enumeration of two females, under 10, in the house-hold of Emanuel Dotson in the 1810 census of Wood County, and again in the 1820 census of Tyler County, two females 10 to 16; these two girls have not been identified by name.

In the 1820 census, three girls under 10 were listed; two have been identified as Frances b. 1811-12, and Mary b. 1818; the third has not been positively identified, but it is concluded that this child was probably Elizabeth, who later lived on Buck Run and raised a family by Thomas Dotson. This conclusion is based on: (1) Age-wise Elizabeth would fit, if her birthyear were 1820 or before. Her age was recorded in the censuses of 1850, 1860 and 1870 as respectively, 28, 39 and 50, which would make her birthyear 1822, 1821 or 1820. Considering the age uncertainty of these early censuses, she could very well have been the one unidentified female under 10, recorded in Emanuel's household in 1820. (2) Other members of Elizabeth's family were living on Buck Run, having moved there following Emanuel's death sometime in the 1830s; Elizabeth's first child Clarissa was born ca. 1837, thus showing that she was residing in the Buck Run area at this time.

CHAPTER VII-1.

GIRL DOTSON (1) b. before 1810.

CHAPTER VII-2

GIRL DOTSON (2) b. before 1810.

CHAPTER VII-3

WILLIAM L. DOTSON

William L. Dotson, b. ca. 1810, is the oldest identified child of Emanuel Dotson and Mary Redick.

The most positive proof of the parentage of William L. as being the son of Emanuel Dotson and Mary Redick is that contained in a Ritchie County Deed (Bk. 19, p. 165, Jan 1, 1875) in which he was named as one of the heirs-at-law of his brother Thomas, Jr.(deceased) along with the other known children of Emanuel and Mary (Mary Dotson Gregg Yeager, Robert Dotson, and Joseph Dotson), and as being a resident of Washington

Co., Ohio. (Frances Fleming, with her husband James Fleming, was also listed as an heir-at-law and thus establishes her sibling relationship to Thomas, Jr.) The cited deed was dated 1875, and named their brother John S. as grantee; William was the only grantor who did *not* sign the deed. (See Chap. VII-8 John S. Dotson)

William was found by name in the census of 1840, 50, and 60; he also fits the proper age bracket for a male child of Emanuel in 1810, 20 and 30. The essential data for the 1840, 50 and 60 census are given below:

1840 Harrison Co. VA William L. Dotson

<u>Age bracket</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Identified as</u>
Under 5	1	-	Emanuel (see 1850 census)
5-10	-	-	-
10-15	1	-	prob. a Hammond boy (see 1850 census) or a younger brother of Wm. L.
15-20	1	-	prob. a Hammond boy (see 1850 census) or a younger brother of Wm. L.
20-30	1	-	William L.
30-40	-	1	Elizabeth (wife)
40-50	-	-	-
50-60	-	1	Mary (Polly) (mother)

(Emanuel, Sr. was not found in the 1840 census index of Virginia)

1850 US Census Roll 738 p. 931 Fam. No. 14 Washington Co. (Newport) Ohio

William Dodson	40	M	VA
Elizabeth	43	F	VA
Elias Hammond	24	M	VA
Greenburg Hammond	21	M	VA
Amanuel Dodson	10	M	VA
Benjamin (Franklin)	4	M	Ohio
George W.	3	M	Ohio
Margaret Ann	1	F	Ohio

1860 US Census Reel 1048 Page 8 Washington Co. (Newport) Ohio

Wm. Dodson	??	M	VA
M. Dodson	?5	F	VA
Emanuel	18	M	VA
Franklin	14	M	VA
George	12	M	VA
Margret	10	F	Ohio

1870 US Census Reel 1279 Washington Co. Ohio

A search of Newport and the other eight townships on Reel 1279 in Washington County Ohio for 1870, was negative for Wm. Dotson (Dodson) or a wife "Elizabeth" or "M"; but found in Newport township was one Benjamin Franklin Dodson age 24, male, farm laborer, birthplace WV, living with a James Smith family.

A search of the land records of Washington County, Ohio for this time period, likewise proved negative for a William Dotson.

From an analysis of the foregoing information one may conclude with reasonable certainty that:

a.- William L. moved from Harrison Co. VA to Washington Co., (Newport Township) Ohio between 1840 (after census) and 1846, based on ages and birthplaces listed for sons Emanuel, Benjamin Franklin, and George W. The fact that one of William L.'s sons was named Emanuel further helps confirm the father-son relationship between Emanuel Sr. and William L.

b.- The placing of William L.'s death date after 1860 is based on the census of that year and the failure to find him listed subsequently in the 1870 or 1880 census. His son Benjamin Franklin Dotson was listed in 1870 as living with a James Smith in Washington (Newport) Co., Ohio. The reason for his having been named an heir-at-law of his brother Thomas, Jr. in 1874, residence Washington Co. Ohio, but then not signing the deed, has not been positively established but one plausible reason is that he was deceased; his exact death date and place cannot therefore be determined from the information at hand.

However, in the Greenwood Cemetery, there is a headstone: "William Dotson Born in 1810 Died Jan 8. 1865" and beside it "Mary Dotson Born in 1815 Died Jan 13, 1863" The William Dotson appearing on this headstone has not been identified; he may be William L. Dotson, son of Emanuel, Sr. born in 1810.

c.- The listing of two Hammond boys in William L.'s household in 1850 (with corresponding correct age brackets in 1840) indicates a possible step-son relationship, but this has not been confirmed.

CHAPTER VII-4
FRANCES DOTSON

Frances Dotson: b. 1811-1812 m. James Fleming

The primary basis for identifying Frances as a daughter of Emanuel and Mary is the sibling relationship with the other known children as indicated in the 1875 deed cited previously in Chap. VII-3 (William L.). She and her husband James Fleming have been found by name in the census of 1850, '60, '70 and '80 in Doddridge County; her age given in these four censuses place her birthyear at 1811 or 1812; this birthyear is compatible with the age-bracket for a female in the household of her husband James Fleming in 1840 (Harrison) and that of her father Emanuel in 1820 (Tyler) and 1810 (Wood).

In the 1850 census (Doddridge, Household No. 395-68), four children were listed as: Emily 17 F, John 7 M, Rosetta 5 F, Adam A. 1 M. In the 1840 census, children listed by age bracket were: 1 M 5-10, 1 M under 5, 1 F 5-10. From this information it would appear that there were two male children, born before 1840, in addition to the four identified by name in the 1850 census; or alternately, they may have been two of Frances' younger brothers who were by then fatherless.

From the 1860 census of WV; Doddridge; Dwl. 727 Fam. 728 17 July 1860:

J Fleming	51	M	Farmer	pers \$150	VA
F	49	F			VA
John*	17	M			VA
Rosetta	13	F			VA
A A	11	M			VA
B F	9	M			VA

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Dwl 28 fam 26:

Fleming James	60	M W	Farmer	Per \$175	VA
Frances	58	FW	Keeping house	cannot write	VA
Adam A	21	MW	Common lab.	RE \$1510 Per \$200	VA
Benj F	18	MW	Common lab	RE \$1510 Per \$200	VA

Dwl 29 Fam 27 (son John Fleming)

Fleming John*	27	M W	Farmer	RE \$400 Per \$300	VA
Harriet	29	FW	Keeping house		VA
James E	8	MW			VA
Patrick V	7	MW			VA
Wm F	4	MW			WV
Adam J	2	MW			WV
Mary F	2/12	FW	(March)		WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County, 121 034:

Fleming, James	WM	70	VA VA VA
Frances	WF	68	VA VA VA

It should be noted that in the 1850 census of Doddridge County, the James Fleming household was adjacent to that of the Luke Jaco household, thus indicating the location to be in the Arnold Creek area above Central Station.

In 1840, the census taker recorded families in this area of Harrison County in the following sequence: Nathan Davis, William Dotson, Thomas Bond, John Dotson, Luke Jaco, James Goodwin, Richard Dotson, Lewis Fleming, *James Fleming*, Elizabeth Goodwin, John Fleming, Pauline Flasher, Michael Connelly, George Starkey, *William L Dotson*, Michael Dotson, Alexander Summerville, — B. Lee, Henry Dotson.

Mary Davis Atkinson footnotes the 1850 census of Doddridge County with: “James Fleming and wife, Frances, residing in Dodd. Co., 1860; Ref census, Household No. 727-728. Their daughter, Emily Fleming, married Edward McGrew, 13 Feb 1853, in Doddridge County (Bk. 1-Pg. 40/41)”

Neither James Fleming nor Frances Fleming were found in the Index to Deaths, Doddridge County; a survey of the Fleming Cemetery (UB Church) on the left-hand fork of Arnold Creek for their gravestones was also negative.

CHAPTER VII-5

BENJAMIN DOTSON.

Benjamin Dotson, b. 10 Dec 1816. He m. Melinda Dotson, 5 Sept 1839. She b. 1818. They were first cousins. Melinda Dotson was a daughter of James Dotson and Lucinda (Cleviss) Dotson (Chapter XI).

Benjamin was the oldest of the six children of the widow “Aunt Polly Dotson” given by Lowther in her history of Ritchie County.⁵ The other five “names given to me” were Mary (Griggs), Robert, Joseph, John S. and Thomas. In addition, Benjamin’s widow Malinda gave information for his death register in 1868 that Benjamin’s parents were Emanuel and Mary Dotson.⁶ His relationship to Emanuel and Mary is thus one of the best documented of any of the six given by Lowther, equal to that of Mary and John S. as discussed subsequently.

Benjamin Dotson died 29 Nov 1868 (Ritchie Co. Deaths p. 19). "Benjamin Dotson Nov 29 1868, Clay Twp; typhoid fever 51y 11 m 19 d; parents Manuel and Mary Dotson, b. Doddridge Co.; farmer; wife Malinda; info. by wife."

Benjamin is buried in the Arnold Creek Cemetery, along with two of his children who also died in 1868: "Dotson Benjamin died Nov 18 1868 age 52yr 1mo 19day". "Martin L son of B & B Dotson Sept 1 1868." "Lucinda daug of B & B Dotson died Aug 2 1868 age 23y 11m 22d"

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County:

Dotson, Benjamin	34 years	(farmer)	born in Virginia
Melinda	32		
Armstrong	10		
Jacob	8		
Susanna	6		
James	3		
Asbury	1		

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County (535-510):

Benjamin Dodson	44	VA	Farmer
Malinda	42	VA	
Armstrong	20	VA	Fm Hand
Jacob	17	VA	Fm Hand
Lucina	16	VA	House Hand
James	14	VA	
Columbus	10	VA	
Keener	8	VA	
Cindarilla	4	VA	
Benjamin	2	VA	
Asbery	12	VA	

In addition to her husband Benjamin, Malinda also lost two children, Lucinda and Martin Lee, to typhoid fever in 1868.

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (274-264):

Malinda Dotson	51	VA	Hskpr
Jacob	27	Va	Farmer
James	24	VA	Farmer
Columbus	17	VA	
Keener	16	VA	
Benjamin	12	VA	
Cindersilla	13	VA	
Littleton	11	VA	

From the 1880 census of Ritchie County 151 002;

Dotson, Malinda(w)	WF	63		Housekeeping	WV	WV	WV
James	WM	32	Son	Farmer	WV	WV	WV
Kena	WM	26	Son	Farmer	WV	WV	WV
C Columbus	WM	27	Son	Farmer	WV	WV	WV
Cinderilla	WF	24	Dau	At home	WV	WV	WV
Benjamin	WM	21	Son	Farmer	WV	WV	WV

Littleton	WM	19	Son	Farmer	WV WV WV
Griggs, Anjaline (s)	WF	32	Boarding	Servant	WV WV WV

Parents of 11 children:

1. Armstrong b. 20 Feb 1840
2. Jacob b. ca. 1843
3. Lucinda b. ca. 1844. d. Aug 2, 1868
4. James b. ca. 1846
5. Asbury b. 1848
6. Columbus b. ca. 1850
7. Keener b. ca. 1852
8. Cindarella b. ca. 1856
9. Benjamin b. ca. 1859
10. Littleton b. ca. 1861
11. Martin Lee b. June 29, 1863. d. Sept 1 1868

1.- Armstrong Dotson, b. 20 Feb 1840; m. (1) Catherine Doak. She was a descendant of Nathan Davis; see page 105 *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W.Va.*⁷ Also see page 69 of *Doak Family History and Genealogy*.

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (432-405):

Armstrong Dotson	30	VA	Farmer
Catharine	28	VA	Hskpr
Davis	7	VA	
Ananise L (Narr Lee)	5	WV	
Loni Leoti	3	WV	
Evie V	7/12	WV	

Catherine Doak, d. 27 Jan 1878. From Ritchie Co. Deaths, "Catharine Dotson Jan 27, 1878, Clay Dist. Neuralgia; 35y—10d.; parents J. and H. Doak. born Clay Dist. farmer; consort A. Dotson; rept. did not give relationship."

She is buried Arnold Creek Cemetery: "Catherine wife of Armstrong Dotson d. Jan 27 1879 age 35y 5 m 19d."

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 151 002:

Dotson Armstrong (w)	WM	40		Farmer	WV WV WV
Davis	WM	17	Son	Farmer	WV WV WV
Arminia	WM	15	Son	Farmer	WV WV WV
Lem Leah(Lona Leota)	WF	13	Dau	At home	WV WV WV
Evor V	WF	11	Dau	At home	WV WV WV
Clinton	WM	9	Son		WV WV WV
Hiram	WM	5	Son		WV WV WV
Leton	WM	3	Son		WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; 5 20 7 14 Doddridge Central Dist.

Dotson Armstrong	W	Feb 1840	60	WV
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Enumerated with Cochran, James; relationship to above, father in law

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0013:

Dotson Armstrong FL 70 WVA WVA
enumerated with Cochran James

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 10 33 4 92;

Dotson Armstrong W 80 VA
enum. with Cochran, James L, father-in-law

Parents of seven children:

a.- Davis Dotson, b. Nov 1862. m. (1) Laura Mason. dau. of Jacob Mason.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.; "7 July 1889...Davis Dotson...age 26...b. Ritchie...m. Laura B. Mason... age 17...b. Ritchie."

She died of TB. She is buried at Toll Gate by the side of her mother. "Laura Mason wife of Davis Dotson 1872-1894" Parents of two children:

1.- Earl Dotson

2.- Francis Dotson, m. Leona McIver. Resided in Indiana. Eight children:

- (1) Pauline Dotson
- (2) Ezra Dotson
- (3) William Dotson
- (4) Murl Dotson
- (5) Jane Dotson
- (6) Ralph Dotson
- (7) Idell Dotson
- (8) Elvena Dotson

a.- Davis Dotson, m. (2) Viola Orr. For her Orr family, see *The Family of Cecile Fluharty*⁸; also see *The Nicholas Orr Family in America*⁹

"Viola Elizabeth Orr m. Davis Dotson." She dau. of William Harrison "Tatts" Orr, who is a son of Robert Underwood Orr, who is a son of Nicholas Orr the immigrant ancestor. This family (Davis Dotson and Viola Elizabeth Orr) went to Indiana.

From the 1900 census soundex of Indiana: Orange Co Jackson Twp 57 96 13 23:

Dotson, David	W	Nov 1862	37	WV
Viola E	W	Mar 1874	26	WV
Earl	S	Jan 1890	10	WV
Francis L	S	June 1892	7	WV
Mildred	D	July 1897	2	WV

Three children:

3.- Mildred Dotson, m. Desco McFarland. Two children:

- (1) Gertrude McFarland
- (2) Wallace McFarland

4.- Ernest Dotson, m. Clarice Milburn.

5.- Willia Dotson.

b.- Narr Lee Dotson, b. ca. 1865; m. (1) Hannah Smith. Three children:

1.- Ida Dotson, m. ___ Davis.

2.- Elmer Dotson. He was married. No children.

3.- Guy Dotson, m. Ollie Poole. For her family, see page 45 *The Duckworth Family*.¹⁰ They resided in Williamstown, W.Va. She is dead. He is living 1983.

Two children:

(1) Burnita Lee Dotson, m. Floyd Showalter. They have; Stephen Showalter and Terry Showalter.

(2) James Dotson, m. Bernetta Cleveland. They have; Michael Dotson; Timothy Dotson; Joseph Dotson; and Jeffrey Dotson.

b.- Narr Lee Dotson, m. (2) May Wood. No children. both dead.

c.- Lena Leota (Leni) Dotson, b. ca. 1867; m. James Cochran.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "23 Jan 1887...James Q. Cochran...age 20...b. Ritchie...m. Leni N. Dotson...age 20...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie."

From the 1900 soundex of WV; Doddridge Central 5 20 7 9:

Cochran, James	W	Apr 1863	37	WV
Lena	W	Jan 1867	33	WV
Ezra	S	Mar 1887	13	WV
Pearl	D	Aug 1892	7	WV
Vera	D	Dec 1899	6/12	WV

Dotson, Armstrond F. L.	Feb 1840	60	WV
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(See 1910 and 1920 census above, Armstrong Dotson, father-in-law, in house-hold of James Cochran)

They lived at Vienna, W.Va. Four children:

1.- Ezra Cochran, b. Mar 1887; m. Fern Humphries. He was an engineer on the B. & O. R.R. Two children:

(1) Robert Dale Cochran. He has been m. three times. Two children by first wife. Dead before 1990.

(2) Betty Jean Cochran, m. Bill Thomas; both retired 1983; resided at Vienna, W.Va.; no children. Bill Thomas died about 1990. Betty Jean m. (2) a Moore, reside in Parkersburg.

2.- Pearl Cochran, m. Ira Duckworth. For Ira Duckworth, see page 46 *The Duckworth Family*.¹¹ They resided at Vienna, W.Va. He worked at the American Viscose Company. Both dead 1983. Two children:

(1) Leota Duckworth, m. "Bob" Mullinex. Two children, live in Texas (1992).

(2) James Carroll Duckworth, m. ___ Tracy. He lives Vienna. They have; James Duckworth Jr. and Tracy Duckworth, who moved to Texas in 1991.

3.- Vera Jean Cochran, m. Hamer McGlothlin. They resided in Williamstown; both dead 1983; no children

4.- Winona Cochran, m. Cecil Deem. They have 3 or 4 children.

d.- Eva Dotson, b. ca. 1870; m. George Duckworth. For her ancestors, see *The Doak Family History and Genealogy*¹² and *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W.Va.*¹³ For his ancestors, see *The Duckworth Family*.¹⁴

In the Duckworth Cemetery: "GEORGE W. DUCKWORTH, 1860-1931. EVA DOTSON DUCKWORTH, 1869-1950."

From the census soundex of WV 1900; Doddridge Central Dist 5 20 6 8:

Duckworth, George	W	Nov 1861	29	WV
Eva	W	Oct 1869	30	WV

Dotson, Lilian	SiL	July 1882	17	WV (half sister to Eva)
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Parents of three children:

1.- Leland Duckworth, m. Jaunita Dragoo. He is dead, buried South Charleston, W.Va. She died about 1988, buried in South Charleston. Two children:

(1) Yvonne Duckworth, m. Pat Yount. They are divorced. She lives in Cape Canaveral, Fla. No children.

(2) Jean Duckworth, m. Ralph Feather. He is an aviator; resided in Tenn., then moved to Florida 1991. They have; Steve Feather, who was in the army, died about 1990, buried in Detroit.; Caroline Feather, not married; and Bruce Feather who is married and resides in Detroit, Mich.; they have two girls.

2.- Jaunita Duckworth, d. young child. Buried in Duckworth Cemetery.

3.- Kathleen Duckworth, m. Barr Wilson. (note; co-author) See page 166, *Descendants of John Wilson*.¹⁵ No children

e.- Clinton Dotson, b. 1872; m. Myrtle Weinrich. He worked for the Telephone Company. She is buried in Kansas. He is buried Arnold Creek Cemetery, beside his mother "CLINTON DOTSON, Born 12 April 1872...Died 6 Jan 1957." One child:

1.- Dorothy Dotson, died young, buried in Kansas.

f.- Hiram Dotson, b. ca. 1875, m. Dora Layne. He worked for Telephone Co. Resided in California.

From the 1910 census soundex of California; San Bernardino Redlands 075 0108 0077

Dotson Hiram	H W	34	WV CA
Dora	W	33	Louisiana
Nola L	D	13	Louisiana

One known daughter, Nola L.

g.- Leighton Dotson, b. ca. 1877; m. Nellie Tweed. He was a railroad engineer. Resided Chillicothe, Ohio. Both buried Chillicothe, Ohio. Parents of three children:

1.- Elsworth Dotson, m. and had a store in Chillicothe, Ohio. He is dead and buried Chillicothe, Ohio. She died before 1992. No children.

2.- Virginia Dotson, m. "Bill" Galliger. Lived in Chillicothe, Ohio.; Virginia died about 1990; buried Chillicothe. No children.

3.- Albert Dotson. Never married. Dead and buried, Chillicothe, Ohio.

1.- Armstrong Dotson, m. (2) Sarah Marsh. She was a dau. of Eli Marsh and Adalade Allen (dau. of Asa Allen & Margaret Taylor). This marriage in Ritchie County; "8 March 1881... Armstrong Dotson... Widow...age 40...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie... m. Sarah F. Marsh...age 25...b. Ritchie."

In the Duckworth Cemetery: "ARMSTRONG DOTSON, born 20 Feb 1840...died 19 Nov 1920. SARAH MARSH, wife of A. Dotson, born 11 Dec 1854; d. 11 Dec 1898."

One child:

h.- Lillian Marsh Dotson, b. July 1882

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Doddridge Central 5 20i? 6 10:

Dotson Lilian	W	July 1882	17	WV
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Enumerated with Duckworth George; Sister-in-Law

Lillian m. John Doak. John Doak was a son of Alexander Doak and Charlotte Shinn. Charlotte Shinn, dau. of George Washington Shinn and Mary Amy Wilson, dau. John Wilson. For John Doak, see page 357 *Descendants of John Wilson*¹⁶ and page 70 the *Doak Family History and Genealogy*.¹⁷

They lived in Oklahoma but returned to Parkersburg, W.Va. There they died. In the Mount Olivet Cemetery: "JOHN W. DOAK, 1874-1945. LILLIAN M. DOAK, 1882-1953."

Parents of one child (adopted):

1.- Robert Doak, m. __ Loudin. He died 1982 in Texas. Had two or three children.

In the March 28, 1991 issue of the *Ritchie Gazette*, there appeared a public notice informing the heirs of Armstrong Dotson, as defendants, to appear for the partition and sale of the oil and gas on seventy-five acres on Sugar Run of Dotson Run of Buck Run, which was owned by Armstrong Dotson at his death. Our genealogical interest centers on the names of the heirs appearing in this notice. For clarity, the entire legal notice is transcribed as follows:

"In the Circuit Court of Ritchie County, West Virginia. Civil Action No. 91-C-17. Trio Petroleum Corp., a Corporation and WACO Oil and Gas Co. Inc. a Corporation, Plaintiffs VS. Everett W. Dotson, Marsha Dotson, Philip R. Dotson, Loretta K Goldman, Lorena Mae Tosh, Loulla S. Turner, Lucinda D. Dotson, James Armbt, Faye McCoy, Marcia I. Master, Newell Dotson, Brenda Dotson Watson, Maryl Shirley, Laura Jane Cook, Clara Alvenia Willoughby, Mary Dotson, Claris Dotson, William G. Dotson, Thelma Self, Frank Self, Carolyn J. Wolfington, Darrell Keith McFarland, Martha Taylor, Alvenia McFarland, W. Gertrude Reynolds, Bessie Brothers Dotson, Guy Dotson, William L. Davis, E. Louise Cockran, Cecil Deem, Laverne Eberly, Clyde McGlothlin, Alma McGlothlin, Carl G. McGlothlin, Berdeal McGlothlin, William B. McGlothlin, Macel McGlothlin, Vonnie Looney, Travis Ellis, Sybil Ellis, Cecil Ellis, Garnett Batton, Ruby Jo Conley, Ernest Truman, Josephine Looney, Gerald Looney, D. J. McGlothlin, Osva O. McGlothlin, Jimmy Duckworth, Nina Duckworth, Leota Mullinix, Robert M. Mullinix, Kathleen Wilson, Barr Wilson, Aloha Jean Feather, Ralph Feather, Haught Oil Producing Co., a Corporation, Defendants,

And any and all unknown spouses, of the above named person, and any and all unknown heirs or devisees of such of the above named person as may be deceased, and any and all unknown heirs, or devisees or successors in title to Armstrong Dotson, Davis Dotson, Anniah Lee Dotson, Lena Leota Cockran, Vera Cockran McGlothlin, Eva Duckworth, Clinton Dotson, and any and all persons, infants or persons otherwise under legal disability who may have claim or interest in and to the oil and gas underlying those two certain tracts of land containing 75 acres 111 poles and 20 acres, more or less, situate on water of Sugar Run of Dotson Run of Buck Run, in Clay District, Ritchie County, West Virginia owned by Armstrong Dotson, at the time of his death, and as the same is described in Ritchie County Deed Book No. 91 page 231, all of whom are hereby made parties to this action and designated as 'Unknown Defendants'. Unknown Defendants.

Order of Publication

The object of the above entitled action is to partition among those entitled thereto by sale at public auction all the oil and gas underlying those two certain tracts of land containing 75 acres 111 poles and 20 acres, more or less, situate on waters of Sugar Run of Dotson Run of Buck Run, in Clay District, Ritchie County, West Virginia, owned by Armstrong Dotson, at the time of his death, and as the same is described in Ritchie County Deed Book No. 91 page 231.

It appearing by affidavit filed herein that the above named defendants, Everett W.

Dotson, Marsha Dotson, Phillip R. Dotson, Loretta K. Goldman, Lorena Mae Tosh, Loulla S. Turner, Lucinda D. Dotson, James Armbrt, Faye McCoy, Marcia I. Master, Newell Dotson, Brenda Dotson Watson, Maryl Shirley, Thelma Self, Frank Self, Carolyn J. Wolfington, Darrell Keith McFarland, Martha Taylor, Alvenia McFarland, W. Gertrude Reynolds, Bessie Brothers Dotson, William L Davis, Jimmy Duckworth, Nina Duckworth, Leota Mullinix, Robert M. Mullinix, Defendants, are either non-residents of the State of West Virginia, and/or their whereabouts cannot be ascertained, although due diligence has been used in that regard without effect; that there are or may be other interested persons other than those named above as defendants, whose names are unknown to plaintiffs, and who are made parties to the Complaint filed in this action by the general description of unknown defendants; it is accordingly Ordered that each of the above named defendants, mentioned and/or unknown, do appear and serve upon J. W. Perrill, plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is P. O. Drawer 428, Glenville, West Virginia 26351, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before the 22nd day of April, 1991, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against them at any time thereafter.

A copy of said Complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her Office located in the Town of Harrisville, Ritchie County, West Virginia. Rose Ellen Cox Clerk".

A notice of sale appeared in the August 15, 1991 issue of the *Ritchie Gazette*, saying that the sale of this property situate on "Dotson Run and Buck Run, Clay District,.." would occur on the 28th day of August, 1991.

No attempt has been made to place the above named heirs of Armstrong Dotson into their proper descendant lines.

2.- Jacob Dotson, b. 16 Nov 1842: died 4 April 1932. He m., 20 Oct 1872, Hannah Doak, b. 1848; d. 16 July 1922. They resided on Buck Run and are buried at Buck Run. "JACOB DOTSON, 1842-1932. HANNAH DOTSON, 1848-1922."

For her ancestors, see *Davis, Settlers of Salem, W.Va.*¹⁸ and *The Doak Family*.¹⁹

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "20 Oct 1872...Jacob Dotson, 29...single...b. Tyler Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Benjamin and Melinda; & Hannah Doak...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, William and Letty by L. M. Ward."

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 151 002:

Dotson, Jacob	WM	38	Farmer	WV WV WV
Hannah	WF	32	Wife Keeping hse.	WV WV WV
Tryphena	WF	7	Dau	WV WV WV
Liddie J	WF	5	Dau	WV WV WV
Theodocia	WF	3	Dau	WV WV WV
Hayden	WM	1	Son	WV WV WV
Ada	WF	1	Dau	WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist. 30 86 7 22:

Dotson Jacob	W	Nov 1842	57	WV
Hannah	W	Nov 1848	51	WV
Jane	D	Mar 1875	25	WV
Ada	D	Apr 1879	21	WV
Haken	S	Apr 1879	21	WV
Lilton	S	Apr 1881	19	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0041

Dotson Jacob	H W	66	WV WV
Hannah	W	61	WV
Ada	D	30	WV
Littleton	S	27	WV
Lucy*	GD	12	WV
Nellie*	GD	06	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 48 115 2 68

Dotson Jacob	W	76	WV
Hannah	W	71	WV
Littleton	S	38	WV
Fetty, Jane	D	46	WV
Dotson, Lucy*	GD	22	WV
Nellus*	GD	17	WV

*Children of Jacob and Hannah's daughter Tryphena (deceased) and Lemon

Dotson (Chap. XIV-5).

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970; p. 102; "Dotson Jacob, male, white, widow; died Toll Gate Mar 6 1932, age 89y 4m 20d, farmer, b. Toll gate, parents Benjamin Dotson, b. WV, Malinda Dotson, b. WV, myocarditis, rept. by Odie Jones regist." and p. 100. "Dotson Hannah, female white, died Pennsboro rfd July 15 1922, age 75y 8m 6d, Housewf, b. WV, parents Wm Doak, b. WV, Lettie Doak, b. WV, brights disease, rept. Odie Jones"

Parents of six children:

a.- Tryphene Dotson, b. 27 July 1873; d. 14 April 1905; m. Lemon Dotson, son of Ellis Dotson see Chapter XIV-5, and page 13 *The Gregg Family*²⁰

b.- Jane Dotson, m. George Fetty, 24 Dec 1904 by Lemon Dotson, her brother-in-law. One still born child.

c.- Theodoshia Dotson, b. 9 Nov 1877, m. Joseph M. Dotson, son of Cyrus Dotson and Susan Doll. For Joseph Dotson's family, see Chapter XIV-10 Cyrus Dotson (son of Thomas and Eliza Dotson).

d.- Ada Dotson (twin), b. 28 Feb 1879; d. 13 June 1960 (Her twin died same day...double funeral and burial); m. Frank Newberry; d. 1960. In the Buck Run Cemetery: "ADA NEWBERRY, 1879-1960." Frank Newberry is buried with his first wife and family. One child:

1.- Ray Newberry, b. Jan 1920. He m. Olive Dotson, 13 Oct 1946. She b. 21 March 1925; d. April 5, 1991; For her family (including her obituary), see, Chapter XIV-5 (Ellis Dotson) and page 13 *The Gregg Family*.²¹ Four children:

(1) Freddie Ray Newberry, m. Yolanda Hogue, 25 July 1970. They have; Angela Rae Newberry.

(2) David Newberry.

(3) Dianne Newberry, m. "Tiny" Todd. Two children.

(4) Mark Newberry, b. Nov 1962.

e.- Hayden Dotson (twin), b. 28 Feb 1879; d. 13 June 1960 (twin died same day...double funeral and burial); m. Sarah Hadley, 30 July 1905 by Lemon Dotson. She b. 27 Feb 1880; d. 22 March 1956.

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970 p. 12 “Dotson Hayden, male, white, widow, died Ellenboro June 13 1960, age 81y 3m 1d; farmer, b. Ritchie Co, parents Jacob Dotson, Hannah Doak; congestive heart failure, rept. by Nelle Cannon” and from p. 110,

“Dotson Sarah Ellen, female, white, married, died Ellenboro Sheppard Nursing Home Mar 22 1956, age 79y- -, farmer, b. WV, parents Geo. W. Davis, L. Conaway; chordoma cerv. spine: rept. by Nellie Cannon regist.”

In the Buck Run Cemetery: “HAYDEN DOTSON, 1879-1960 SARAH DOTSON, 1880-1956” Parents of five children:

1.- Francis Henry Dotson, b. 27 June 1906; d. 24 Oct 1906. In the Buck Run Cemetery: “FRANCIS HENRY DOTSON, 27 June 1906; 24 Oct 1906.”

2.- Zelma Inez Dotson, b. 25 Au. 1907; d. 22 July 1926, m. Howard Thomas, 24 Oct 1923. No children.

3.- Hobart Elvert Dotson, b. 24 March 1910; m. Helen Isner, 30 Sept 1934 by Charles Fogle; both dead 1992, buried Buck Run Cemetery. (For Helen Isner, see Chapter XIV-5, Ellis Dotson.) Four children:

(1) Nona Marleen Dotson (twin), b. 2 June 1935; m. Harry Seese, 21 May 1960. He b. 11 June 1933. They have; James Hobert Seese, b. 6 Feb 1967; Carmila Louise Seese, b. 23 June 1961; and Carrie Louella Seese, b. 20 May 1963.

(2) Ona Merleen Dotson (twin), b. 2 June 1935; m. Roy Lee Ray, b. 16 Jan 1931. They have; Jennifer Leigh Ray.

(3) Alex Orman Dotson, b. 16 Aug 1936; m. Ruth Cosgrove, 22 April 1962. She b. 23 Dec 1942. They have: Christopher Cosgrove Dotson, b. 9 March 1967 and Matthew Hobert Dotson, b. 10 Feb 1969.

(4) Marjorie Jeanneane Dotson, b. 30 Oct 1938; m. Elwood Leggett, 9 Nov 1957. He b. 23 June 1931. They have; Jeffrey Elwood Leggett, b. 7 March 1963; Timothy Elvert Leggett, b. 23 Aug 1959; and Rebecca Darlene Leggett, b. 29 Dec 1961.

4.- Bertha Ann Dotson, b. 20 March 1918; m. Joseph Sellers, 15 July 1938. He b. 16 Nov 1915; d. 17 June 1974. Married by Lemon Dotson who also married her parents. In the Buck Run Cem.: “JOSEPH SELLERS, 1915-1974. BERTHA SELLERS, 1918- ” Parents of four children:

(1) Francis Irvin Sellers, b. 3 Feb 1940; m. Rowena Fern Horner, 15 Sept 1961. She b. 18 March 1940. They have; Loren Allen Sellers, b. 16 Nov 1962 and Francis Irvin Sellers II, b. 15 Sept 1965.

(2) Karen Elizabeth Sellers, b. 21 Sept 1942; m. James Griffith, 8 Sept 1961. They have; Kimberley Rene Griffith, b. 21 March 1963; Kathy LeAnn Griffith, b. 30 Dec 1964; Kelly Denise Griffith, b. 26 Feb 1968 and Karla Jo Griffith, b. 17 July 1969

(3) Dennis Joseph Sellers, b. 30 June 1947; m. Delsa Ruth Valentine, 12 Aug 1966. She b. 13 March 1946. They have; Antoni Wade “Tony” Sellers, b. 24 May 1967 and Penny Alaine Sellers, b. 20 June 1973; d. 28 Sept 1977; Bur. Buck Run.

(4) Michele Rene Sellers, b. 3 Nov 1950. She m. ____ Leggett.

5.- Dorothy Eliza Dotson, b. 10 June 1921; m. Gordon Isner, 22 Dec 1945. Six children:

(1) Michael Lee Isner, b. 11 Nov 1946; m. Carol Caplinger, 11 March 1966. She b. 8 July 1947. They have; Michael Lee Isner II, b. 7 Feb 1968; and Jennifer Lynn Isner, b. 5 May 1972.

(2) Arnold Gordon Isner, b. 9 June 1948; m. Sharen Nehing, 12 June 1971. They have; Arlene Sue Isner, b. 6 Oct 1972.

(3) Keith Allen Isner, b. 2 Sept 1949.

(4) Danna Marie Isner, b. 9 Nov 1950; m. Eugene Bates, 18 May 1972. They have; Heather Dawn Bates.

(5) Janet Elaine Isner, b. 2 Sept 1954; m. Ronald Lee Smith, 1 May 1972. He b. 22 April 1952. They have; Ronald Lee Smith Jr., b. 22 April 1973.

(6) Gary Duane Isner, b. 7 Sept 1957.

f.- Littleton Dotson, b. 1882; d. 1946; m. Bertha Thomas. One still-born child. From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 104, "Dotson no name, Pennsboro, male, white, ,Aug 20 1935, Stillborn, Greenwood, parents Littleton Dotson, b. Greenwood, Bertha Thomas, b. WV, knot in cord, rept. Odie Jones regist"

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "LITTLETON DOTSON, 1882-1946. BERTHA DOTSON, 1902-1991."

Bertha married (2) Daniel Dotson (Chap. XIV-5) and m. (3) Fred Ferree. Fred and Daniel both died before 1990

3.- Lucinda Dotson, b. 1844; d. Aug 2, 1868. Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 19; "Lucinda Dotson Aug 2, 1868 Clay Twp. typhoid fever; 23y. 11m. 27d. parents Benj. and Malinda Dotson; b. Clay Twp., unmarried; person giving inf. was Malinda, mother."

(1850 census has Susanna).

4.- James Dotson, b. 1847; d. 1923. He m. Elitha Ann Richards.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.; "20 Nov 1880...James Dotson...age 32...b. Ritchie...m. Elitha A. Richards...age 22...b. Ritchie."

From Doddridge Co. Death Index, v. 2, p. 36; "Dotson, James, male, July 3, 1923, From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Clay Dist 30 86 6 54:

Dotson James W Sept 1846 53 WV Living alone

Parents of two children:

a.- Martin Lee Dotson, b. 22 Feb 1882 d. 1 Dec 1953. He m. Georgianna Myers 20 June 1906. She b. 13 Aug 1886; d. 1 Feb 1923. Parents of six children:

1.- Wilma May Dotson (twin), b. 21 March 1908; d. 21 April 1970. She m. John Alexander Brooks. He b. 26 Feb 1896; d. 29 April 1958. One child:

(1) Jackie Rae Brooks, b. 22 Oct 1938; m. Russell Lloyd Heldreth, 30 May 1959. They have; Russell Lloyd Heldreth Jr., b. 27 March 1960; Mark Andrew Heldreth, b. 10 July 1961; Gregory Scott Heldreth, b. 16 Aug 1962; David Allen Heldreth, b. 4 Nov 1966; and Deborah Dawn Heldreth, b. 19 Oct 1969.

2.- Wilma Stella Dotson, b. 21 March 1908 (twin); m. Adrian Lee Parsons, 23 Aug 1936. Two children:

(1) Anna May Parsons, b. & d. 23 March 1940.

(2) Susan Marie Parsons, b. 13 Oct 1956.

3.- Grace Leena Dotson, b. 3 June 1910; m. Carl Willis Titus, 27 Oct 1932.

4.- Dorothy Louise Dotson, b. 20 March 1912.

5.- Thelma Marie Dotson, b. 31 March 1916; m. Warren Philip Saunders, Sr., 29 Oct 1933. Two children:

(1) Warren Phillip Saunders Jr., b. 3 Sept 1934; m. Nancy Trainer. They have; Kathy Saunders; Keith Saunders and Kent Saunders.

(2) Anna Lee Saunders, b. 11 Feb 1937; m. Bruce Blexena.

6.- Everett Lee Dotson, b. 13 Sept 1922; d. 10 Oct 1965. He m. Mable Kathleen Quinn, 20 Dec 1940. He d. of lung cancer and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Five children:

(1) James Edward Dotson, b. 28 July 1941; m. Ruth Ann Orr They have: Michael J. Dotson and Angela Kay Dotson.

(2) Richard Lee Dotson, b. 24 Dec 1942; m. Glenda Sue Bosley. They had; Richard Lee Dotson Jr., b. 23 Jan 1970.

(3) Patricia Ann Dotson, b. 13 June 1944; m.(1) Keith Anderson. They had; Donald Keith Anderson.

(3) Patricia Ann Dotson, m. (2) ___ Long. They had; Tina Long.

(3) Patricia Ann Dotson, m. (3) Ronald McDougale. They have; Janet McDougale.

(4) Ginger Kay Dotson, m. Malcolm Manning. They have; Ginger Kathleen Manning.

(5) Joseph Wayne Dotson, m. Virginia ___. They have; Wendt Dotson.

b.- Stella Frances Dotson, b. 22 April 1893; d. 14 April 1959; m. Ira Emerson Cumberledge in 1902. (Her birthyear must be 1883). He b. 28 Oct 1883; d. 11 July 1947.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: " 10 Sept 1903...Ira Cumberledge...age 29...b. Tyler...m. Stella Dotson...age 19...b. Ritchie. "Ten children:

1.- Martin Ellis Cumberledge, b. 26 June 1904; m. Rose Virginia Bakeer 11 Sept, 1936. Seven children:

(1) Charles Lee Cumberledge, b. 12 Nov 1937; m. Phyllis Cumphrey.

(2) Martin Ellis Cumberledge Jr., b. 1938.

(3) Wavelen June Cumberledge, b. 1939; m. Jerry Singleton in 1966.

(4) Barbara Lee Cumberledge, b. 1943; m. ___ Singleton, in 1968.

(5) Danny Ray Cumberledge, b. 1949.

(6) Jo Ann Cumberledge.

(7) John Edward Cumberledge, b. 1952; m. Kathy McCarthy, 6 Nov 1971.

2.- Walter Alton Cumberledge, b. 24 Nov 1907; m. Ruby Dean, 30 May 1936. Six children: (1) Martha Ellen Cumberledge, m. William Snobs in 1955.

(2) Mary Lorraine Cumberledge, m. Harold Steward.

(3) Paul Emmett Cumberledge, d. 1958.

(4) Carlen Cumberledge, m. Jean Mitchell.

(5) Robert Cumberledge.

(6) Shella Diana Cumberledge.

3.- Fonda Marie Cumberledge, b. 8 Aug 1909; m. Howard Snider, 4 April 1930. He b. 21 June 1895; d. 5 March 1967. Five children:

(1) Howard Herbert Snider, b. 15 Jan 1931; m. (1) Adele Pritt, b. 16 Nov 1935. They have; Pamela Snider, b. 23 April 1952; Kay Snider, b. May 1954; Trenton Snider, b. 9 Sept 1959;

(1) Howard Herbert Snider, m. (2) Nancy Hardman in 1964. They have; Rodney Snider, b. 16 Nov 1962; Tonya Snider, b. 24 Dec 1963; Mark Snider, b. 16 Aug

1967; and Wanda Muriel Snider, b. 4 Aug 1969.

(2) Walter Lee Snider, b. 24 Nov 1935; m. Betty Hersh. They have; Walter Lee Snider Jr., b. 24 Nov 1957; David Howard Snider, b. 12 Sept 1958 and Janet Lee Snider, b. 22 June 1963.

(3) Frank Snider, b. 23 Jan 1939; m. Sally Diane Perkins, Dec 1957. They have; Franklin Robert Snider, b. 26 June 1957; Franklin Delanore Snider, b. 12 Nov 1958; Diane Marie Snider, b. 18 Aug 1960; Michael Snider, b. 31 Aug 1963; and James Snider, b. 16 Aug 1961.

(4) Nancy Mae Snider, b. 9 May 1949; m. Jack McElwain, 14 Jan 1966. They have; Triesa Ann McElwain, b. 6 June 1966 and Carolyn Lorraine McElwain, b. 4 Feb 1969.

(5) Pearl Marie Snider, b. 3 Nov 1932; d. 2 Dec 1932.

4.- Wanda Mae Cumberledge, b. 2 Feb 1912; m. Sylvius W. Davis, 27 June 1936. He b. 4 Aug 1912.

5.- James Edward Cumberledge, b. 2 April 1914; m. Louise Virginia Watson, 15 Feb 1936. She b. 30 March 1917. Five children:

(1) Ernest Eugene Cumberledge, b. 5 Nov 1937; m. Shirley Koch, June 1960. They have; Tina Marie Cumberledge and Edward Eugene Cumberledge.

(2) Ruth Eloise Cumberledge, b. 28 Oct 1938; m. Woodrow J. Perkins, 9 June 1956. They have; Lora Ann Perkins; Diana Louise Perkins; Richard Allen Perkins; and James Michael Perkins.

(3) Carolyn Sus Cumberledge, b. 9 Nov 1942; m. Henry G. Elder V, 11 Dec 1962. They have; Henry G. Elder VI; and Tenya Laraine Elder.

(4) James Emerson Cumberledge, b. 26 Sept 1948.

(5) Derenda Ann Cumberledge, b. 15 Oct 1950.

6.- Leo Darrell Cumberledge, b. 28 April 1916; m. Belva Nicholson 3 Nov 1934. Four children:

(1) Leonard Darrell Cumberledge, b. 9 July 1940; d. 12 July 1940.

(2) Darrell Lee Cumberledge, b. 2 March 1939; d. 5 March 1939.

(3) James Lee Cumberledge, m. Viola Joanne Gillispie. They have; Terry Lee Cumberledge; Peggy Sue Cumberledge; and Mark Allen Cumberledge.

(4) Vearl Nicholson Cumberledge, m. Pauline Henning. They have; James Cumberledge; Darrell Lee Cumberledge; Ricky Cumberledge; and Monica Cumberledge.

7.- Clarence Hubert Cumberledge, b. 10 July 1917; m. Carrie Elizabeth Nicholson, 30 Sept 1937. She b. 11 April 1919. Three children:

(1) Linda Lou Cumberledge, b. 17 June 1940; m. Dominick Russell Davoli, 28 Dec 1963. They have; Russell James Devoli, b. 19 June 1967; Elizabeth Lynn Davoli, b. 4 March 1969; and Kevin Pateric Davoli, b. 7 Feb 1971.

(2) Carmen Mae Cumberledge, b. 24 Dec 1942; m. Terry Lee Trent, 24 Aug 1962. He b. 22 Feb 1944. They have; Clarence Lee Trent, b. 18 May 1963; Russell Lynn Trent, b. 13 May 1964; Gary Hudson Trent, b. 12 Oct 1965; and Henry Presley Trent, b. 6 Nov 1970.

(3) Dulcie Frances Cumberledge, b. 27 Nov 1944; m. Billy Devaughn Carroll, 8 June 1963. They have; Jamie Davaughn Carroll b. 9 July 1965; Ricky Devaughn Carroll, b. 29 June 1968; and Lisa Kay Carroll, b. 19 Feb 1970.

8.- John Edward Cumberledge.

9.- Lyda Ann Cumberledge.

10.- Russell Emerson Cumberledge.

5.- Asbury Dotson, b. 26 April 1848; d. 26 May 1870.

In the household of his father Benjamin in the 1850 and 1860 censuses.

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery: "Asberry son of B and M Dotson Died May 26, 1870 aged 22 years"

6.- Christopher Columbus Dotson, b. 26 June 1850; d. 10 Sept 1937.

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 104, "Dotson Christopher, male, white, single, died Pennsboro Oct 10 1937, age 87y 3m 16d, farmer, b. WV, parents Benjamin Dotson, b. Ritchie, Malinda Dotson, -, cerebral hemor., rept O. Jones regis."

He never married. Buried Buck Run. No marker.

7.- Keener Dotson, b. 26 Nov 1853; d. 1 July 1937.

He m. Alice Marsh, 26 March 1882. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "26 March 1882...Keener Dotson...age 28...b. Ritchie...m. Alice N. Marsh...age 20...b. Ritchie."

She d. 10 Oct 1926. She was a dau. of Eli Marsh and Adelaide Allen; dau. of Asa Allen and Margaret Taylor. Three children: Before we give the families of the three children we will give the following:

TRANSCRIPT OF BIBLE RECORDS OF THE KEENER DOTSON FAMILY.

"This is to certify that Keener Dotson and Alice Marsh were united by me in Toll Gate, W.Va. on the 26th day of March in the year of our Lord 1882. Signed, W. M. Oliver. (Note...W. M. Oliver was a Baptist Minister. His name appears in the records of the Toll Gate Baptist Church.)

KEENER DOTSON born Buck Run, W.Va. Nov 26, 1853; m. March 26, 1882. ALICE DOTSON born Toll Gate, W.Va. July 17, 1861; married March 26, 1882; died October 7, 1927.

Luella A. Dotson born Toll Gate, W.Va. Sept 24, 1886. married Jan 18, 1920.

Harley Truman Dotson born Buck Run, W.Va. Nov 30, 1889, married Nov 8, 1917.

Lyda Marie Dotson born Buck Run, W.Va. Dec 17, 1899, married April 21, 1920.

Infant born Feb 2, 1885; died Feb 2, 1885.

George M. Reass and Luella A. Dotson married Jan 15, 1920.

Luella Anita Reass born Nov 2, 1920; died Nov 8, 1920.

George M. Reass died May 18th, 1935.

Luella Dotson was baptized by A. M. McVey Sept 7, 1902.

Truman Dotson was baptized by J. M. Cochran July 10, 1810.

Marie Dotson was baptized by W. H. Bankes Jan 13, 1915.

Eli M. Marsh born Sept 1, 1827, died July 30, 1886.

Adaline Allen Marsh born July 21, 1832, died Sept 17, 1891.

Asa E. Marsh born Dec 29, 1853, died Jan 21, 1854.

Sarah F. Marsh born Dec 11, 1854, died Dec 1898.
 James A. Marsh born Dec 3, 1856, died Nov 19, 1918.
 Alice N. Marsh born July 17, 1861, died Oct 7, 1927.
 Sherman Marsh born June 30, 1865, died Sept 20, 1925.
 Olive N. Marsh born Nov 20, 1876, died Dec 1951.
 Benjamin Dotson, born Dec 10, 1816.
 Malinda Dotson born Sept 15, 1818. was married May 8, 1839.
 Armstrong Dotson born Feb 20, 1840.
 Jacob Dotson, born Nov 16, 1840.
 Lucinda Dotson born Aug 5, 1844.
 James Dotson, born Sept 5, 1846.
 Asbury Dotson born March 26, 1848.
 C. C. Dotson born June 26, 1850.
 Keener Dotson born Nov 26, 1853.
 Cinderilla Dotson born Jan 12, 1856.
 Benjamin Dotson born May 21, 1858.
 Littleton Dotson born Feb 14, 1860.
 Martin Lee Dotson born June 29, 1863.
 Benjamin Dotson died Nov 26, 1868.
 Malinda Dotson died March 12, 1896.
 Benjamin Dotson, Jr. died July 3, 1913.
 Armstrong Dotson died Nov 19, 1920.
 James Dotson died Feb __, 1922.”
 (end of Keener Dotson Bible transcript)

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist 30 86 7 40:

Dotson Kener	W	Nov 1853	46	WV
Alice U?	W	July 1861	38	WV
Luella A	D	Sept 1886	13	WV
Harly T	S	Nov 1889	10	WV
Marie	D	Dec 1899	5/12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Tyler 045 0104 0301:

Dotson Keener	H W	56	WV WV
Alice N	W	49	WV
Luella	D	22	WV
H Truman	S	20	WV
Marie	D	10	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV: Wood 54 168 3 33 Parkersburg 504 Fifth:

Dotson Kenner	W	65	WV
Alice N	W	58	WV
Luella		33	WV
Truman	S	30	WV
Delma	DL	22	WV
Marie	D	20	WV
Dorthy V	GD	10/12	WV
Cohen, Joseph	L	46	Kovna na. (naturalized)

Parents of three children:

a.- Luella Adaline Dotson, b. 24 Sept 1886; m. 15 Jan 1920, George Reass. George M. Reass, d. 18 May 1935. One known child:

1.- Luella Anita Reass, b. 2 Nov 1920; d. 8 Nov 1920.

b.- Harley Truman Dotson, b. 30 Nov 1889; d. 13 Oct 1969; m. Delma Givens, 5 Nov 1917. She b. 26 Nov 1898. Three children:

1.- Dorothy Virginia Dotson, b. 21 Feb 1919 m. Alva Francis Shears, 23 Nov 1939. He b. 16 May 1916. Four children:

(1) Larry Lynn Shears, b. 6 Feb 1941; m. Sandra Kay __, 8 Oct 1961. She b. 12 Jan 1944. They have; Lori Lee Shears, b. 12 Aug 1962; Larry Lynn Shears, b. 9 Jan 1964; Lorne Lane Shears, b. 6 Dec 1965; and Lance Leslie Shears, b. 1 Dec 1967.

(2) Philip Ray Shears, b. 10 June 1942; m. Janet Louise Snider, 1 Sept 1962. She b. 21 Oct 1943. They have; Jeffrey Todd Shears, b. 18 Nov 1964 and Stephen Ray Shears, b. 4 Oct 1966.

(3) Leonard Neil Shears, b. 15 Aug 1943; m. Lee Ann Ogyden, 22 March 1956. She b. 18 Sept 1947. They have; Dwain Neil Shears, b. 10 May 1968 and Stacy Dawa Shears, b. 21 July 1940.

(4) Linda Kay Shears, b. 2 March 1946.

2.- Robert Paul Dotson, b. 23 Sept 1924; m. Mildred Lucille Campbell, 25 June 1945. She b. 27 April 1925. Two children:

(1) Robert Truman Dotson, b. 10 June 1946; m. Sharon Clark, 13 Nov 1966. She b. 31 Aug 1946. They have; Wendy Jeanette Dotson, b. 10 March 1971.

(2) Dennis Lyle Dotson.

3.- Alice Estelle Dotson, b. 12 March 1926; m. Milton L. Wyatt, 25 July 1953. One child: (1) Gregory Wyatt.

c.- Lydia Marie Dotson, b. 17 Dec 1899; m. Harry Dougherty, 21 April 1920. He b. 1 Feb 1896; d. 21 Aug 1968. Nine children:

1.- Kenneth Eugene Dougherty, b. 11 Jan 1922; d. 24 Nov 1970. He m. Barbara Ruth Berry, 26 Jan 1946. She b. 16 Aug 1922; d. 27 April 1968. Three children:

(1) Sharon Lynn Dougherty, b. 22 Feb 1953; m. Ronald McCurry, 11 May 1971.

(2) Molly Kay Dougherty, b. Sept 1955.

(3) Michael Sean Dougherty, b. 13 Oct 1958.

2.- Harry Francis Dougherty, b. 9 June 1923; m. Reba Fern Stanley, June 1947. Two children:

(1) Donald Wayne Dougherty, b. 13 July 1950.

(2) Kathy Faye Dougherty, b. 13 Feb 1952.

3.- Lillian Oela Dougherty, b. 2 Feb 1925; m. Charles Leslie Plum. He b. 10 Aug 1944. He was Chief of Police at Parkersburg at the time of his death. Two children:

(1) Charles Edward Plum, b. 13 Oct 1945; m. Phyllis Jean Moore, 6 June 1970.

(2) Steven Mark Plum, b. 19 Jan 1949; m. Marilyn Sue Allman, 12 Dec 1970.

4.- Marjorie Dale Dougherty, b. 18 Oct 1926; m. Ira Hubert Showalter, 11 July 1946.

Four children:

- (1) Rebecca Sue Showalter, b. 28 March 1948.
- (2) Thomas Wayne Showalter, b. 21 Feb 1950.
- (3) David Scott Showalter, b. 4 Oct 1954.
- (4) John Leo Showalter, b. 11 Aug 1959.

5.- Earl Edward Dougherty, b. 7 Feb 1928; m. Hazel June Wina. Three children:

- (1) Pamela Gail Dougherty, b. 16 Aug 1954.
- (2) Terri Lynn Dougherty, b. 10 Sept 1955.
- (3) Judy Kay Dougherty, b. 28 Oct 1956.

6.- Barbara Jean Dougherty, b. 26 March 1929.

7.- Olive Marie Dougherty, b. 29 Aug 1930; m. Arnold Eugene Petty, June 1947.

Six children: (1) Kenneth Duane Petty, b. 26 Aug 1947; m. Marcia Oliver, 6 June 1971.

(2) Douglas Allen Petty, b. July 7, 1951. At present (1983). Pastor of the Church of Christ at Pennsboro, W.Va.

- (3) Randell Lee Petty (twin), b. 20 Feb 1954.
- (4) Richard Neil Petty (twin) b. 20 Feb 1954.
- (5) Timothy Eugene Petty, b. 11 Jan 1962.
- (6) Gary Joe Petty, b. 16 Nov 1965.

8.- Ava Lee Dougherty, b. 19 Aug 1933; m. Ray Milton Stanley. Three children:

- (1) Cynthia M. Stanley, b. 13 Sept 1955.
- (2) Cheryl M. Stanley, b. 25 Oct 1958.
- (3) Jeffrey Mark Stanley, b. 5 Jan 1960.

9.- James Paul Dougherty, b. 30 Aug 1936; m. Barbara Ann Locks, 31 Oct 1959.

Two children: (1) Todd Colon Dougherty, b. 17 May 1965 (twin).

(2) Christopher Thadd Dougherty, b. 17 May 1965 (twin).

8.- Cinderella Dotson, b. 12 Jan 1856; d. April 1922. She m. Job Smith.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "3 Sept 1896...Job B. Smith...widow...age 51...b. Washington Co. Oh...resident Ritchie...m. Cinderilla Dotson...age 40...b. Ritchie"

They resided on Buck Run; buried Gnats Run Cemetery. One child: Daniel Smith never married, died and buried in California.

9.- Benjamin Dotson, Jr., b. 21 May 1858; d. 3 July 1913. He m. Amanda Shepherd. She b. 2 May 1876; dau. of Charles and Sarah A Sheppard. Amanda d. 28 April 1958.

This marriage in Ritchie Co. "26 Feb 1897 ... Benjamin Dotson...age 31...b. Ritchie...m. Amanda A. Shepherd...Age 20... b. Ritchie."

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 150 (Clay) 029:

Sheppard, Charles	WM	39		Farmer	WV PA WV
Sarah A	WF	37	Wife	Kps. house	WV WV WV
E Grant	WM	13	Son	At home	WV WV WV
Elizabeth	WF	9	Dau		WV WV WV
Catherine	WF	8	Dau		WV WV WV
Creed	WM	6	Son		WV WV WV
Amanda L	WF	4	Dau		WV WV WV
Ethelbert	WM	1	Son		WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Clay Dist. 30 86 7 38

Dotson, Benjamin W May 1858 42 WV

Manda L wife Mar 1877 23 WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0068 0042

Dotson Benjamin H W 51 WVA WVA

Amanda L W 32 WV

Ivah A D 07 WV

Floyd L S nr WV

From the Ritchie Register of Deaths 1904-1918; "Dotson, Benjamin; white, male; died July 3, 1913 Buck Run; dysentery; age 55y 2m 2da; farmer; married; rept. G D Lind, MD." Three children:

a.- Ivy Dotson, b. 7 July 1902; m. Shirley Elliott, 25 Dec 1920.

He b. 8 Feb 1902; d. 3 March 1964. He was a son of Thomas Elliott and Mary Isabelle Hogue, who was a dau. of Almira Wilson and David B. Hogue. Almira Wilson was dau. of John Wilson and Charlotte Dotson. Chap. V-7; also see *Descendants of John Wilson*, p 328.²² Parents of seven children:

1.- Howard C. Elliott, b. 19 Dec 1924; m. Helen Petty.

2.- Nellie Elliott, b. 13 Oct 1922; m. Alfred Daily.

3.- Marcella Elliott, b. 8 June 1927; m. E. C. Garretson.

4.- Marjorie Elliott, b. 23 Nov 1929; m. Wilbur Starcher.

5.- Virginia Lucille Elliott, b. 28 June 1932; m. Loyal D. Hoce, 1 July 1950. He b. 11 Aug 1917. Five children:

(1) Loyal Dewaine Hoce Jr., b. 6 Nov 1951.

(2) Anita Kay Hoce, b. 12 Feb 1953.

(3) Martha Ellen Hoce, b. 10 May 1954.

(4) Mark David Hoce, b. 21 Nov 1956.

(5) Peter Matthew Hoce, b. 3 July 1959.

6.- Shirley Elliott, b. 25 Jan 1935; m. Daniel F. Berlin, 10 May 1957. He b. 22 Aug 1917. Three children:

(1) Robert Michael Berlin, b. 11 March 1958.

(2) Elizabeth Ann Berlin, b. 5 Nov 1960.

(3) Dana Whitney Berlin, b. 9 June 1962.

7.- Doris Lea Elliott, b. 12 April 1938.

b.- Georgie Dotson, b. 26 Aug 1905; d. 8 May 1949. She m. Harold Bauman, 5 Nov 1928. He b. 14 May 1907. Five children:

1.- Betty Bauman, b. 10 July 1931; m. Alfred Uppole Sr., 18 June 1949. He b. 17 May 1928. Five children:

(1) Alfred Ray Uppole Jr., b. 4 Nov 1950; m. Bobbie Jo Mabry, 8 Aug 1970.

She b. 21 Dec 1949. They have; Christopher Ray Uppole, b. 30 May 1971.

(2) Randell Lee Uppole, b. 28 May 1952.

(3) Johnny Harold Uppole, b. 4 July 1954.

(4) Patti Sue Uppole, b. 12 Oct 1958.

(5) David Vernon Uppole, b. 4 Nov 1961.

2.- Donald Eugene Bauman, b. 3 March 1937; m. Bonnie Ellen Benson, 9 June 1960. She b. 12 March 1943.

Three children:

- (1) Tammy Bauman, b. 5 May 1962.
- (2) Lori Bauman, b. 9 Oct 1963.
- (3) Lisa Bauman, b. 16 March 1968.

3.- Nancy Louise Bauman, b. 5 Feb 1939; m. Everett M. Silket, Sr., 5 Nov 1955.

He b. 22 Feb 1932 Three children:

- (1) Everett M. Silket Jr., b. 27 July 1956.
- (2) Darline Silket, b. 3 Sept 1965.
- (3) ___ Silket, b. 14 Feb 1969.

4.- Carolyn Sue Bauman, b. 28 Aug 1942; m. James Dale Biery, Sr., Three children:

- (1) James Dale Biery Jr.
- (2) Larry Harold Biery.
- (3) Brian Lee Biery.

5.- Judith Ann Bauman, b. 9 Nov 1945; m. Glendon A. Roche, 26 April 1964. He b. 24 Oct 1939. Two children:

- (1) Rita Marie Roche, b. 24 April 1965.
- (2) Linda Kay Roche, b. 14 Aug 1968.

c.- Leslie F. Dotson, b. 13 Sept 1908; d. Dec 7, 1987. m. Virginia H. Winans. She b. 7 April 1917; d. 23 Dec 1954. Two children:

1.- Floyd E. Dotson, b. 30 June 1946; m. Sandra Malery. (div. 1985) Five children:

- (1) Rhonda b. 1965
- (2) Laura b. 1967
- (3) Vickie b. 1969
- (4) Christina b. 1974
- (5) Eric b. 1979.

Floyd in living Princeton, MO, 1987.

2.- Benjamin Dotson, b. July 1953; m. Barbara Tennant 1984; living Parkersburg, WV 1987.

10.- Littleton Dotson, b. 14 Feb 1860; d. 1941.

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 106 "Dotson Littleton Sr., male, white, married, died Buck Run, Feb 14 1941, age 81y 9m 21d; farmer, b. Ritchie Co. parents Benjamin Dotson, b. WV, Malinda Dotson,—; acute myocarditis, rept. by Odie Jones regist."

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "LITTLETON DOTSON, 1860-1941."

He m. (1) Martha Freeman, 18 May 1893. She b. 11 Oct 1871; d. 31 April 1898.

From Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 82; "Dotson Martha A, died May 1, 1898 Ritchie Co.; consumption; age 26; parents W and M Freeman b. Ritchie; housewife; husband Littleton Dotson; rept. by husband."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist. 30 86 7 45

Dotson Littleton W Feb 1860 40 WV

Carison R S Mar 1894 6 WV

Two children:

a.- Carson Rennie Dotson, b. 19 April 1894.

b.- Tressie Elizabeth Dotson, b. 10 Jan 1898; d. 31 July 1898.

10.- Littleton Dotson, m. (2) Rosa Cumberledge, 19 Nov 1900.

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 108: "Dotson, Rosa C, Greenwood route, female, white, widow, died Jan 23 1949, age 71y 3m 7d, housewife, b. Wilbur WV, parents Ellis Cumberledge,-, Betty Smith,-, arterioclerosis, rept. by Bertha J Riddle regis."

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0044:

Dotson Littleton D H W 50 WV WV

Rosa C W 33 WV

Lona B S 04 WV

One child:

c.- Lonnie Basil Dotson, b. 12 May 1905; m. Grace Richards, 29 Sept 1926. She b. 2 Sept 1909. Three children:

1.- Delbert "Dick" Dotson, b. 1 Aug 1927; m. Patricia Doak. He died in Arizona ca 1 March 1983. Buried in Arizona. Two children:

(1) Nanette Dotson

(2) Mark Dotson.

2.- Edith Pauline Dotson, b. 5 Feb 1929; m. Charles Kesner. Three children:

(1) LindaDarline Kesner, b. 26 Sept 1947.

(2) Charles Harvey "Butch" Kesner, b. 19 Sept 1948.

(3) Deborah Lynn Kesner.

3.- Fondella Mae Dotson, b. 2 July 1931; m. Ronald Beachler, 30 Aug 1950. He b. 15 March 1930. Three children:

(1) Ronald Marvin Beachler.

(2) Randall Beachler, b. 26 Jan 1953.

(3) Robert Beachler, b. 20 June 1954.

11.- Martin Lee Dotson, b. 29 June 1863; d. Sept 1, 1868;

From Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 19. "Martin Lee Dotson Sept 1, 1868 Clay Twp. typhoid fever; 5y. 2m. 2 d.; parents Ben and Malinda Dotson, b. Clay Twp. rept by Malinda mother".

CHAPTER VII-6

MARY DOTSON

Mary Dotson, b. 12 March 1818; m. (1) Elza Gregg, 25 Feb 1836. This marriage in Tyler Co.: "25 Feb 1836...Elzy Gregg...m. Mary Dotson by John Ripley."

Elza Gregg was the brother of Ruth Gregg Dotson, wife of Thomas Dotson, Sr. who also lived on Buck Run.

From the 1840 census of VA; Wood County (one line above that of Thomas Dotson, Sr.): Gregg, Elzey: Males; 1 10-15, 1 30-40; Females; 2 under 5; 1 20-30.

Besides the parents, the two females under 5 were undoubtedly their two daughters Lydia and Mary A, shown respectively ages 14 and 12 in the 1850 census. The one male 10-15 is too old to be their child; he is probably one of Mary's brothers, perhaps Joseph b. 1827 or Thomas b. 1825, who by then were fatherless. (Emanuel, Sr. died before 1840).

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County (533-533);

Elza Gregg	42	VA	Farmer
Mary	32	VA	
Lydia	14	VA	
Mary A	12	VA	
Ruth	9	VA	
(Sarah)Elizabeth	6	VA	
Angeline	5	VA	
Frances E	2	VA	

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County (536-511):

Elzy Gregg	52	VA	Farmer
Mary	42	VA	
Mary A	21	VA	
Ruth	19	VA	
Sarah E	17	VA	
Angeline	13	VA	
Frances E	12	VA	
Catharine J	10	VA	
Martha	7	VA	
Perry	2	VA	

Parents of nine children:

1. Lydia b. ca. 1836
2. Mary A b. ca. 1838
3. Ruth b. ca. 1841
4. (Sarah) Elizabeth b. ca. 1844
5. Angeline b. ca. 1845
6. Frances E b. ca. 1848
7. Catharine J b. ca. 1850
8. Martha b. ca. 1853
9. Perry b. ca. 1858

Mary Dotson m. (2) Andrew Yeager.

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "14 Dec 1867...Andrew G. Yeager, 49...Widower...born Lewis Co... Res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Jonathan and Elizabeth; ad Mary Gregg, 43... widow...born Tyler Co...Res. Dodd. Co...Parents, EMANUEL and POLLY DOTSON." The name "POLLY" on this marriage record, proves that MARY REDICK was the "POLLY" Dotson, who lived on Buck Run.

Her birthplace of Tyler County (1818) concurs with the county of residence of her father Emanuel in the 1820 census, that is, "Tyler". There is a discrepancy in the age she gave on her marriage license (younger) from those in all of the censuses.

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (277-167):

Mary Yeager	52	VA	Hskpr
Angeline Gregg	23	VA	
Martha Gregg	17	VA	
Marion S Gregg	2	WV	
Floyd Gregg	5/12	WV	

In 1870 in the house-hold of Lamon Dotson: Catharine J Grigg 19 VA Dom Svt
From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 148 032:

Griggs, Mary (w)	WF	64		Farming	WV WV WV
Martha	WF	27	Dau	At home	WV WV WV
Perry	WM	23	Son	Farming	WV WV WV
Dotson, George W*	WM	19	Nephew	Farm wrk.	WV WV WV

In the house-hold of Malinda Dotson (widow of Benjamin):

Griggs, Anjaline (s) WF 32 Boarding Servant WV WV WV

*Note; George W. Dotson was a son of Perry Dotson; Perry a son of Thomas and Ruth Gregg Dotson; Ruth Gregg was a sister of Mary Dotson's husband Elza Gregg; therefore Geo. W. Dotson was a nephew of Mary Gregg's husband Elza Gregg who died in 1862.

We know little about Andrew Yeager, except that he purchased a lot in Greenwood from Thomas and Jacintha Scott in June 1866, then resold it to Henry Davis in October of the same year²³; in the latter deed to Davis, Mary was not included as a co-grantor; nor do we know exactly when Andrew and Mary's marriage terminated, but it must have been prior to 1870, since he was not enumerated with her in the 1870 census; also she was named alone as the heir-at-law to her brother Thomas, Jr. in 1874. In the 1880 census (the last one in which she was found) she had resumed using the name Gregg (Griggs); listed with her were a son Perry, age 23, a daughter Martha 27 and a nephew Geo. W. Dotson 19. We place her deathyear as after 1880; no record of her death was found in the Ritchie Death Register.

For further details of this family, see *The Gregg Family* page 17.

CHAPTER VII-7

GIRL DOTSON (probably Elizabeth) b. ca. 1820

For the family of Elizabeth and Thomas Dotson please see Chapter XIV

CHAPTER VII-8

JOHN S. DOTSON.

John S. Dotson, b. ca 1821. He m. (1) Martha Elizabeth Dotson: b. ca. 1831. We can find no record of this marriage.

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "MARTHA, WIFE OF JOHN DOTSON, died 14 April 1851, in 23rd year."

Martha was the daughter of Thomas Dotson, Sr. (son of Richard, Sr.) and Ruth Gregg (proof of this relationship is found in Ritchie Co. Deed Bk. Vol. 11, p. 436 1866, see Chap. XIV-1). John S. and Martha were first cousins.

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County:

Dotson, John S. (farmer)	age 29 yr. born in Virginia
Martha	19
Oliver	3
Mary E.	4 months

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie, John S. 37, was living with his brother Joseph 32 and sister-in-law Christiana.

From the 1870 Census of WV; Doddridge, John S. 51, was living with his brother Robert 49, and sister-in-law Catherine.

Parents of two children:

1.- Oliver Dotson, b. 1847; m. Mary Ann Waters, b. 1844. She was a daughter of the Rev. John Waters, who is buried at Arnold Creek. Oliver and Mary Ann resided on Sugar Run; both are buried Buck Run Cemetery. This marriage in Tyler County:

"8 May 1867...Oliver M. Dotson, 20 and Mary A. Waters, 23."

From Ritchie County Deaths 1919-1970; p 102 , "Dotson Oliver, died Pennsboro, Dec 30 1929, widow, age 83y 1m -, farmer, b. p. Pa (?), father, J S Dotson, cause infl. pneu, source of info. O Jones, registrar."

In the census of 1860 for Ritchie Co. WV, Oliver M., age 14, was enumerated in the house-hold of his maternal grand-mother, Ruth Dotson (widow of Thos. Sr.)

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie Co. (431-404):

Oliver M Dotson	22	VA Farmer
Mary A	25	PA Hskpr
John W	2	WV
Wm L	4/12	WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 151 001;

Dotson, Oliver	WM	33	Farmer	WV WV WV
Mary A	WF	35	Wife Hskp.	WV PA PA
John W	WM	12	Son Farmer	WV WV WV
Wm L	WM	10	Son Farmer	WV WV WV
Comodore	WM	7	Son	WV WV WV
Sylvannus	WM	3	Son	WV WV WV
Olovenia	WF	5	Dau	WV WV WV

From the census soundex of 1910; Ritchie 036 0068 0049

Dotson Oliver M H W	63	WV WV
Olivenia	D 34	WV
Miranda C	D 28	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 48 1157 47

Dotson Oliver	W	73	WV
C P	S	47	WV
Olivenia	D	44	WV
M F	D	38	WV

This death in Ritchie County (p 36); "Elizabeth Dotson May 28, 1880; d Ritchie Co. 1 mo. 4 da.; parents Oliver M. and Mary Dotson rept by Mary Dotson, mother."

Parents of seven children:

a.- John Wesley Dotson, b. 1868 d 1950; m. Mary Primm; dau. of Nathan W. Primm and Keziah Bee. See page 106, *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W. Va.* No children. Genefie Dotson (below) kept house for John Dotson.

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0068 0047

Dotson John W	H W	42	WV WV
Mary	W	38	WV

From Ritchie Co. Register of Deaths 1904-1918: "Dotson Mary, white female, died March 13, 1916 Toll Gate, heart trouble and dropsy, age 44y - -, rept. by assessor"

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 108, "Dotson John Wesley, Greenwood rt., male, white, widow, died May 9 1950, age 82y 1m 18d, farmer, b. Ritchie, parents O M Dotson, Mary Ann Waters; hypertension, rept. Bertha J Riddle"

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "John Wesley Dotson, 12 March 1868...__ __ __. Mary Primm his wife, 12 Aug 1871...13 March 1916."

b.- William L Dotson. b. 1870. he resided below Cairo, W.Va. Two children. Both adopted. The boy lives in the Cairo, W.Va. vicinity. The girl, m. a Brookover and lives at Pennsboro, W.Va.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "2 Aug 1903...W. L. Dotson... age 33... b. Tyler... resident Ritchie...m. Icie Toothman... age 25 b. Ritchie."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Dodd McClelland Dist 5 24 12 27:

Dotson William L W Nr Nr 28 WV

Enumerated with Smith Samuel H; Hired hand

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0067 0234:

Dotson William L H W 40 WV WV

Icie W 32 WV

c.- Commodore (Porter) Dotson, b. July 18, 1872; this birth in Ritchie Co. "Commodore P Dotson, 7/18/72; parents Owen (sic) M and Mary Ann Dotson information by O M Dotson father";

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Union Dist. 30 93 7 65:

Dotson Comadorell?? W July 1872 27 WV

Enumerated with Alender, Milton W, servant

m. Della Leason. They separated. She d. Grafton, W.Va. area ca 1914. She must have been buried in that area. Porter Dotson buried at Buck Run (grave unmarked). One child:

1.- Genefie Dotson, b. ca 1904. Never married. She died on Sugar Run and is buried at Buck Run (grave unmarked).

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970 p. 112, "Dotson Genefie, Greenwood Rt, female, white, Single, died Mar 8 1960, age 56y - -, —, b. Rit. Co, parents Porter Dotson,—, Della Leason,—; coronary thromb., rept. Nelle Cannon"

d.- Olivenia Dotson. b. ca. 1875. In the 1910 census, 34, in the house-hold of her father Oliver. Never married. Buried Buck Run.

e.- Sylvannus (Vanice) Dotson. b. ca. 1877 resided at Mannington, W.Va. Two children, a boy and a girl. The boy lives at Mannington, W.Va. The girl lives in Pa.

f.- Elizabeth b. Apr. 1880 d. May 28, 1880.

g.- Miranda C. Dotson. b ca.1882; in the 1910 census, 28, in the household of her father Oliver; never married. Buried Buck Run Cemetery.

2.- Mary E. Dotson, b. ca. 1850; m. David Ferreebee.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "14 May 1868...David Ferreebee, 21...single...born Mineral Co... res. Rit. Co...Parents, Joseph & Elizabeth; & Mary Ellen Dotson, 19...single...born Rit. Co...Parents, John & Martha by J. Z Williams."

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 264-254:

Joseph Ferreebee Sr. 60 PA Stone mason

Elizabeth	61	PA	Hskpr
David	23	VA	Farmer
Mary E	20	VA	Hskpr
John E	1	WV	

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 151 008:

Ferrebee, David	WM	35		Farmer	WV WV WV
Mary E	WF	27	Wife	Hsk.	WV WV WV
John E	WM	11	Son	Farmer	WV WV WV
Martha	WF	9	Dau		WV WV WV
Leroy	WM	7	Son		WV WV WV
Cora J	WF	5	Dau		WV WV WV
Warner	WM	2	Son		WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist. 30 86 5 42:

Ferrebee, David	W	June 1848	51	VA
Mary E	W	Jan 1852	48	WV
John E	S	Mar 1871	29	WV
Dollie	D	June 1873	26	WV
Cory J	D	May 1876	24	WV
Warner	S	Apr 1878	22	WV
Margaret C	D	Apr 1884	16	WV
Arza E	S	Aug 1888	11	WV
Ora B	D	Nov 1892	7	WV

Parents of eight children:

a.- John E Ferrebee b. Mar 1871

b.- Martha (Dollie) Ferrebee, b. 3 June 1873; d. 1 April 1960; m. Gordon Garner. He

b. 26 May 1877; d. 24 May 1947. Two children:

1.- Earl "Soap" Garner, b. 10 Nov 1903; m. Hattie Adams. Retired from Eureka Pipeline Co. Five children:

(1) Mary Garner, b. 14 Feb 1929; m. Warren Hornbeck. They have; Dollie Hornbeck, b. 26 June 1948 m. Gerlad Wallace; and have, Angela Wallace, b. 28 Aug 1975; Jean Hornbeck, b. 17 May 1951, m. Darrell Williams; Marjorie Ellen Hornbeck, b. 27 Nov 1949, d. Feb 1950; Marion Hornbeck, b. 26 May 1953, m. Gary Ramsey and have Shannon Ramsey, b. 30 May 1972.

(2) Helen Garner, b. 18 March 1931; m. Walter Hornbeck. They have; Dale Hornbeck; David Hornbeck; Iris Hornbeck; Dean Hornbeck; Violet Hornbeck; Danny Hornbeck; and Daisy Hornbeck.

(3) Elvert Garner, m. (1) Mildred Williamson. They have; Allen Garner; Debra Garner; and Donna Garner.

(3) Elvert Garner, m. (2) Stella _____. They have; Nancy Garner.

(3) Elvert Garner, m. (3) Kareia ____.

(4) David Garner, m. Kathleen Underwood. They have; Cotton Garner and Teresa Garner. See Chapter XI-7.

(5) Roy B. "Beanie" Garner, m. Connie Lambert. They have; Roy Garner.

2.- Vurl Garner, m. Ruby Terrell (widow). She is dead. No children.

c.- Leroy Ferrebee. b. ca. 1873. .

d.- Cora Ferreebee, b. May 1876 d. 28 Sept 1964. She m. Gordon Spencer, 1 Nov 1904. He b. June 6, 1875; d. 28 Sept 1964.

Parents of one child:

1.- Zellie Spencer, b. 11 Jan 1912; m. LeRoy Wise, 28 Dec 1930.

Parents of five children:

(1) Robert Wise, b. 30 Jan 1932; m. Jean Vullatic 1951. They have; Debra Ann Wise, b. 27 April 1953.

(2) Glenda Wise, b. 31 March 1936; m. Keith Doughty, 14 April 1960. They have; Kenneth Doughty, b. 1 May 1960 and Kimberley Doughty, b. 24 May 1962.

(3) Loren D. Wise b. 6 Oct 1954; m. Winnie Perine 1956. They have; Candise Wise, b. 1957.

(4) Loretta K. Wise, b. 7 May 1940; m. Dale Huston, 14 April 1960. They have; Denise K. Huston, b. 10 Oct 1963 and Alan D. Huston, b. 7 Oct 1965.

(5) Roger L. Wise, b. 27 March 1947; m. Linda Long, 20 March 1968. They have; Michelle Wise, b. 9 June 1972.

e.- Warner Ferreebee. b. Apr. 1878. Never married.

f.- Maggie (Margaret C) Ferreebee, b. Apr 1884; m. John Ridgeway. She wife No. 2. No children.

g.- Arza E. Ferreebee. b. Aug 1888; Never married. Buried Buck Run.

h.- Orabell Ferreebee. b. Nov 1892. Died age 9 years.

i.- Claidia Rose Ferreebee. Died young. ?

John S. Dotson, (son of Emanuel, Sr.) m. (2) Lydia Dotson. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "24 Dec 1874...John S. Dotson, 55 (53)..widower...b. Harrison Co... res. Rit. Co...Parents, Emanuel & Mary; and Lydia Dotson, 45... widow...b. Harrison Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Elias & ____ Williams by Stephen Loveall."

Her maiden name was Lydia Williams. She was the widow of Thomas Dotson, Jr., brother of John S. (See Chapter VII-10 for Thomas Dotson, Jr.)

From "The Williams Family" in *Clay District Ritchie County* ³⁷page 387 by Carsie Williams, in listing the children of Elias Williams and Honora Trenarie, he states, "Two daughters have not been identified." From the marriage record above, this would be the daughter, Lydia Williams, b. 1829, which would make her next to the youngest child, Isreal Williams. She would be a sister of John Williams, b. 1817, who married Naomi Dotson. (See Chapter XVII). The other unidentified sister, may be Mary Williams. This m. in Tyler Co., "3 Jan 1833...Edward Thomas and Mary Williams by John Ripley.

In a deed dated January 1, 1875, (Ritchie Co. Deeds Vol. 19, p. 165) 84 acres, plus 2 1/2 acres; Buck Run. To John S. Dotson, from Thomas Dotson Heirs (Robert, Joseph, Mary Yeager, Frances Fleming and Wm. Dotson.

"This deed made this 1st day of January 1875 between Robert Dotson and Catharine his wife, Joseph Dotson and Christina his wife, Mary Yeager of Ritchie County, W Va; James Fleming and Frances his wife of Doddridge County West Virginia and Wm Dotson of Washington County Ohio all heirs of Thos Dotson decd late of Ritchie County West Va Grantors of the first part and John S Dotson Grantee and party of the second part of Ritchie County West Virginia.

.....in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars (\$20 in hand paid....Situate on Buck

Run in county of Ritchie....Beginning at a stake on the bank of said run...thence to the beginning containing 84 acres. Also a lot beginning at a chestnut at the county road thence N 43 E 26 poles to a black oak in a line of the Griggs survey and with said line S47E 19 1/2 poles to a stone a corner to a church lot with a line of the same S30W 15 poles to a stake at said road thence with the same N64W 22 poles to the beginning containing 2 1/2 acres.... Signatures or marks by all except Wm. Dotson. Signatures of Robert and Catherine Dotson, and James and Frances Fleming acknowledged Apr. 3, 1875 in Doddridge Co.; signatures of Joseph and Christina acknowledged Feb 12, 1877 in Ritchie Co.: Mary Yeager acknowledged Feb 22, 1875 in Ritchie Co.; deed admitted to record Aug 17, 1877 in Ritchie County."

This deed proves the sibling relationship of Robert, Thomas, Frances, Joseph, William and Mary; Mary's relationship to Emanuel and Mary (Polly) Dotson proved in her marriage record when she took Andrew Yeager as her second husband; John S. relationship to Emanuel and Mary (Polly) Dotson proved in his marriage record to Lydia Dotson, widow of his brother Thomas.

It is not understood why the named heirs of Thomas Dotson did not include his sister Elizabeth Dotson (consort of Thomas Dotson, Sr. Chap. XIV), plus heirs of his brother Benjamin. By 1875, Benjamin was deceased; Elizabeth was still living.

In the 1880 census soundex of WV; Ritchie County 151 003:

Dotson, John S.	WM	60	Farmer		WV WV WV
Liddia	WF	51	Wife	Keeping house	WV WV WV

In the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist 30i? 86 4 79:

Dotson Liddie B W b. June 1829 age 70 b.p.WV
Enumerated with Garner Francis L; Aunt (to Francis L Garner)

Presumably, John S. died prior to 1900. No grave-stone found in Buck Run Cemetery.

CHAPTER VII-9

ROBERT DOTSON.

Robert Dotson, b. 1823, d. 1892-1894; m. Catherine "Katy" Thomas, b. ca. 1818, on 12 Jan 1843.

This marriage in Tyler County: "12 (2) Jan 1843...Robert Dotson and Catherine Thomas by Samuel Archibald."

From Ritchie Co. Deaths p. 38; "Dotson, Catherine died June 6, 1881 Ritchie Co; age 62y 11m 6d, fever; parents Thomas, A & E; b. Ritchie Co., farmer; death rept. by husband (no name)."

No death certificate for Robert was found in Ritchie or Doddridge Counties.

The last known deed written by Robert was on May 7, 1892 (Ritchie Co. Deeds Bk 39 p. 214; 1892; Robt. Dotson to Lydia M. Fleming two acres Sugar Camp Run; part of 3 acre parcel deeded to Robt. from Elias and Sarah Thomas 28 Jan 1875 Rit. Deed Book 33 p. 26); thus his death date is fixed as subsequent to 1892.

Then on 28 Aug 1894, the remaining one acre of this parcel was sold by Robert's heirs to W.F. Cox. (Ritchie Deeds Book 41 p. 199): "Lilidia (Delila) A. Dotson, wife of Loston Dotson, Mary E. Dotson, widow of Marshall Dotson, Sarah H. Richards, wife of Samuel Richards, C. W. Dotson of the county of Ritchie,and G. T. Dotson and

Nancy his wife of the county of Roane, heirs of Robert Dotson deceased, parties of the first part and W. F. Cox of Tyler County, party of the second part, for..... \$160.....a small boundary of land and house thereon...lying Ritchie, and district of Clay on Sugar Run, a branch of the NFHR,...beginning at a stone in an old line known as the Flynn land.....”

Deed was signed by G T and Nancy Dotson, and acknowledged in Roane County on 7 Sept 1894; in Ritchie County, signed by Mary E. Dotson , C. W. Dotson, Delila A Dotson (her mark) and Loson Dotson (his mark) her husband, Sara H Richards and Samuel Richards (his mark) her husband; acknowledged 15 Sept 1894 by Ben Wilson, Notary Public.

Thus the death date of Robert Dotson has been fixed between 7 May 1892 and 24 Aug 1894.

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County:

Dotson, Robert (farmer)	27	born in Virginia
Catherine	32	
Charles W	6	
Delia A	3	
Mary E.	1	

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County 551-524:

Robert Dodson	37	VA Farmer
Catherine	42	VA
Charles W	16	VA Farm hand
Delila A	13	VA
Mary E	11	VA
George T	6	VA
Sarah H	2	VA

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge County (30 June) p. 16, 113, 108:

Dotson, Robert	49	MW	Farmer	Pers.\$100	VA
Catharine	52	FW	Keeping Hs.		VA
Charles W	27	MW	Com. labr.	Pers.\$100	VA
Delilah A	22	FW	at home		VA
George T	14	MW			VA
Sarah H	12	FW			VA
John S	51	MW	Com. labr. (brother)		VA

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 151 001:

Dotson, Robert	WM	55	Laborer	WV WV WV
Catherine	WF	62	Wife Hs. keeping	WV PA PA
Delia	WF	34	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Sarah	WF	21	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Vircenor(Vercina)	WF	3	G/Dau At home	WV WV WV

Robert and Catherine Thomas Dotson were the parents of 6 children:

- 1.- Charles Wesley Dotson
- 2.- DelilaAnn Dotson
- 3.- Mary Elizabeth Dotson
- 4.- Sarah Dotson

5.- George T. Dotson

6.- Alice Dotson

1.- Charles Wesley Dotson, b. 4 Mar 1844 d. 19 Sept 1904; on 10 Jan 1878 m. Sarah Ann Elder b 29 Apr. 1859, d. 31 Jan 1892.

From Ritchie County Marriages; "10 Jan 1878..Charles W. Dotson... age 31...b. Ritchie...son of Robert and Catherine...m. Sarah Ann Elder...age 18...b. Ritchie...dau. of J. S. and Ruth; by E J 'Doc' Taylor".

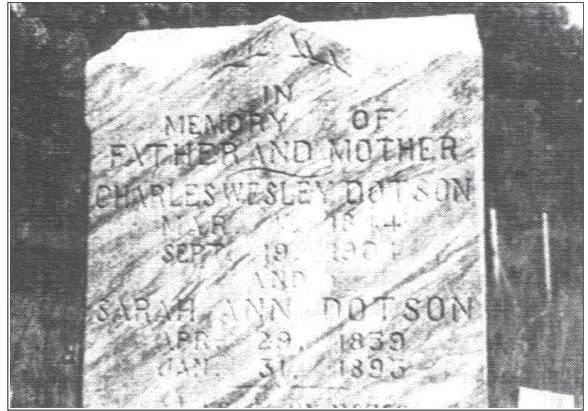
Sarah Ann was the oldest child of James Sanford Elder and Rutha Richards.

From Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 67; "Dotson S. A. died Jan 30 1892 Toll Gate; age 30y 18d. Parents J. S. and Ruth Elder b. Ritchie Co. rept by husband (no name given)"

Both Charles Wesley and Sarah Ann Elder Dotson are buried in the Buck Run

**Headstone of Charles
Wesley and Sarah Ann
Elder Dotson**

**Buck Run Cemetery
Ritchie County, WV**



Cemetery, with a common headstone: "Charles Wesley Dotson Mar. 4, 1844 Sept 19, 1904. Sarah Ann Dotson Apr 29, 1859 Jan 31, 1893"

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 150 (Clay) 009:

Datson, Charles W	WM	34		Farmer	WV WV WV
Sarah A	WF	21	Wife	Keep. hse.	WV WV WV
Mary C	WF	1	Dau		WV WV WV
Laura B	WF	5/12	Dau (Dec 1879)		WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; 30 06 6 44 Ritchie Clay Dist

Dotson, Charles W	W	Mar 1844	56	WV
Laura B	D	Dec 1879	20	WV
Rutha A	D	Oct 1881	18	WV
Plesia M	D	Apr 1883	17	WV
Lillie M	D	July 1884	15	WV
James R	S	May 1886	14	WV
Loela	D	Mar 1888	12	WV
Erman R	S	Aug 1889	10	WV
Iva M	D	Aug 1891	8	WV

Chales Wesley and Sarah Ann Elder Dotson were parents of nine children:

a.- Mary C.	b. ___ Dec 1878	d. _____	m. Frank Childers
b.- Laura Bell	b. 2 Dec 1879	d 10 Feb 1963	m. Norman Childers
c.- Ruthie Alice	b. 23 Oct 1881	d. _____	unmarried
d.- Plezy M.	b. 14 Apr 1883	d. _____	m. Sylvannus Nutter
e.- Lillie Mae	b. 14 July 1884	d. 26 Sept 1981	m. William Cline
f.- James Robert	b. ___ May 1886	d. _____	m. Velma Bruner
g.- Louella	b. ___ Mar 1888	d. _____	m. Sam Williams
h.- Erman Ray	b. 15 Aug 1889	d. 1 July 1967	m. Susie Arman
i.- Iva Maude	b. 15 Aug 1891	d. 24 Jan 1959	m. Roy Gaskins

**Erman Ray Dotson
and sisters at Dotson
reunion, ca. 1945**

**Left to right,
Maude Gaskins
Loella Williams
Laura Childers
Plezy Nutter
Erman Dotson
Lille Cline
Mary Childers**



a.- Mary C. Dotson, b. Dec 1878, m. Frank Childers.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "14 Sept 1899...F. A. Childers...age 30...b. Doddridge...m. Mary C. Dotson...age 20...b. Ritchie.

Frank and Norman Childers were sons of Amos and Frances E. Griggs Childers. For the Childers line, see Chapter XVIII, Lydia Dotson.

From the 1900 census soundex WV: Doddridge McClellan Dist 5 24 11 33:

Childers, Frank A	W	May 1869	31	WV
Mary C	W	Dec 1878	21	WV

From the 1910 census soundex WV; Doddridge 007 0030 0012:

Childers Franklin	H W	40	WV WV
Mary C	W	31	WV
Luie M	D	09	WV
Ruie B	D	06	WV
Burley R	S	04	WV
Jennie B	D	nr	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge Co 10 37 12 22:

Childers, Franklin A	W	50	WV
Mary C	W	40	WV
Luie M	D	19	WV
Rosie B (Ruie)	D	16	WV
Burley R	S	14	WV
Mary M	D	4	WV
Madoline R	D	1 7/12	WV

Six children:

1.- LuieM Childers, daughter, b ca. 1901, m. Clarence Murphy; Children:

- (1) Nina
- (2) Lucile
- (3) Juanita

2.- Ruie B Childers, daughter, b ca. 1904, m. Underwood

3.- Burley R Childers, b. ca. 1906; Children:

- (1) Jerrell
- (2) Linnabell
- (3) Louella (Davis)
- (4) Nina (Miller)
- (5) Jerry
- (6) Charlotte

4.- Jennie B Childers. b. before 1910 census, age not recorded, died young

5.- Mary M Childers b. ca. 1916, m. George Cork; Children Jack, Stanley.

6.- Madeline R Childers, b. ca. 1918, m. Ford Brown; Children:

- (1) Barbara
- (2) Richard
- (3) Betty
- (4) Ralph
- (5) Rita Faye
- (6) Linda Sharon

b.- Laura Bell Dotson, b. 2 Dec 1879, m. Norman Childers.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "18 Nov 1903...Norman Childers...age 30...b.

Ritchie...resident Doddridge...m. Laura Dotson...age 24...b. Ritchie."

From the 1910 census soundex WV: Doddridge 007 0031 0095

Childers Norman	H W	37	WV WV
Laura	W	32	WV
Harvey	S	04	WV
Otha	S	02	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge Co. 10 38 4 95:

Childers, Norman	W	46	WV
Lara B	W	40	WV
Harvey E	S	13	WV
Otha T	S	11	WV
Nola	D	9	WV
Fonda	D	7	WV
Danna M	D	4 7/12	WV
Willa R	S	1 7/12	WV

From the Doddridge Co. Death Register:

Vol. 5 p. 28-A; "Childers Norman, Male, d. Mar 29 1952, age 70, at Ashley Dodd Co.; bur. Chestnut Grove Cem; b Sept 21, 1873, parents Eilen Greigg Amos Childers."

Vol. 5 p. 28-C; "Childers Laura Bell, Female, widowed, died Feb 10 1963, age 83y, at Center Point (Broad Run F. W.); bronchial pneumonia; buried Feb 13, 1963 Chestnut Grove cemetery, Big Flint Doddridge WV; retired homemaker farming; b Dec 2, 1879 Ritchie Co.; parents Sarah Ann Elder Charles Wesley Dotson; informant Otha Childers (son), Center Point Rt WV." Six children:

- 1.- Harvey Childers , b. ca. 1906 (unwed).
- 2.- Otha Childers, b. ca. 1908 (unwed).
- 3.- Nola Childers b. ca. 1911, m. Ferrebe; Children: (1) Janice (2) Norman
- 4.- Fonda Childers b. ca. 1913, m. Dade
- 5.- May Childers. b. ca. 1915, m. Vest
- 6.- Willie Ray Childers b. ca. 1918 (unwed).

**Dotson Family
Reunion, 1930s,
at Greenwood Hill**

**Front row, l to r:
Childers boys (2)
Gerald Gaskins
Mildred Nutter
Velma Gaskins
James M. Dotson**



During the 1920s and 30s, a Dotson reunion was held each summer, usually at the Greenwood Hill or Sunnyside picnic grounds. The children of Charles Wesley Dotson always attended if possible with their families, including my father Erman Ray. Two photos of one of these reunions in the early 1930s shows the assembled group, and the means of transportation for the Childers families.

c.- Ruth Alice Dotson, b. 23 Oct 1881 (unwed).

After the death of her father in 1904, Ruth, along with her brother Erman Ray, then orphaned, were taken to raise by their cousin Alice Gay Dotson Doll and her husband William E. Doll. In that household in the 1910 census, Rutha A., 27.

d.- Plezy M. Dotson, b. 14 Apr. 1883, m. Sylvannus Nutter.

From the 1910 Census Soundex WV; Gilmer 010 0039 0006:

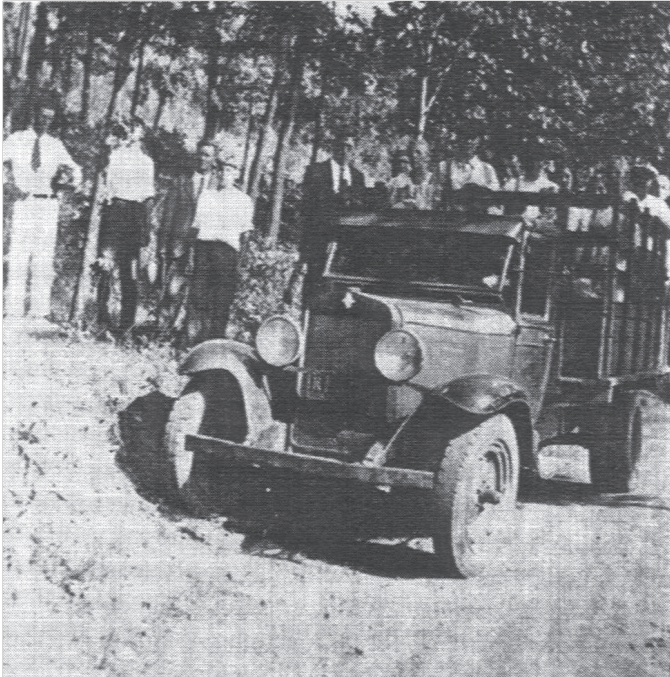
Nutter	Sylvania	H	W	29	WV	WV
Elizzy	(Plezy)		W	27	WV	
Gleya	(Glenna)		D	NR	WV	

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Harrison Co 18 53 23 90 (Southern Ave.):

Nutter,	Sylvanis	W	40	WV
Plezy		W	36	WV
Glennia		D	9	WV
Lona		D	7	WV

Four children (one deceased):

- 1.- Glenna Nutter, b. ca. 1911, m. James Bradford.
- 2.- Lona Nutter, b. ca. 1913, m. Russell Goodlaw.
- 3.- Mildred Nutter, m. James McCray.



**Dotson Family
Reunion, 1930s,
at Greenwood Hill**

**Childers family
truck, loaded
ready to go home**

Sylvannus and Plezy followed the carnivals; were residing at Nutters Fort, Harrison Co. in the 1950s.

e.- Lillie Mae Dotson, b. 14 July 1884; d. 26 Sept 1981. m. William Cline, 15 March 1903. He b. 19 March 1871.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "15 March 1903...William Cline...age 31... resident Ritchie...m. Lillie May Dotson... age19...b. Ritchie."

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Co 48 115 3 66

Cline, William	W	48	Ohio
Lillie	W	35	WV
Iva E	D	14	WV
Harry E	S	11	WV
Mary M.	D	8	WV
Susana	Mother	79	Ohio

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* Oct 1, 1981: Mrs. Lillie Mae Cline, 97, of 125 Court St. West Union, WV, died Sept 26, 1981, at her residence following a length illness.

She was born July 14, 1884, in Pennsboro, a daughter of the late Charles Wesley and Sarah Ann Elder Dotson. Her husband, William Cline, preceded her in death Dec 15, 1953. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Iza Mulvay of Rt. 1, Greenwood, and Mrs. Jay (Mary) Collins of Follansbee; two sons, Harry E. Cline and Wayne Cline, both of West Union; a sister, Mrs. Loella Williams of Lancaster, OH; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, five sisters, a grandson and three great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Gnats Run United Methodist Church in Ritchie County for 73 years.

Services were held at the Spurgeon Funeral Home in West Union with the Rev. G. Bland Brady officiating. Burial was in the West Union Masonic Memorial Park."

Four children:

1.- Iva Etta Cline, b. 4 Oct 1905; m. Corbia " Jake" Mulvey. They have two children:

(1) Delmer Mulvey, b. 17 July 1932; m. Patty Cogar. They have; Sharon Mulvey, m. Ricky Nutter; and Harlon Mulvey.

(2) Wilmer Dane Mulvey, infant; d. 15 Oct 1939.

2.- Harry Earnest Cline, b. 10 Oct 1908; m. Mildred Lewis. They have two children:

(1) Delgreta Lee Cline, m. William Tarbet and have; Debbie Tarbet and Sheril Ann Tarbit.

(2) Harry Cline, m. (1) Judy Davis and have; Rhoda Rene Cline; Judith Lynn Cline; and Tara Lane Cline.

(2) Harry Cline, m. (2) Shirley Kurlack and have; Cynthia Lee Cline.

3.- Mary Monnie Cline, b. 8 Feb 1911; m. Jay Collins, son of Hiram Collins: for the Collins line see *Jacob Collins Sr. and Phebe Stuthart*.²⁴ Four children:

(1) Nina Mae Collins, b. 9 June 1936; m. William Molnar and have; Ricky Molnar; Monty Lee Molnar; Bonnie Molnar; Renada Molnar; and Darrell Molnar.

(2) Delverna Collins, b. 27 June 1940; m. John Murray McKittrick. They have; Rhonda June McKittrick; Zena LeAnn McKittrick; and John McKittrick.

(3) Jay Glenn Collins, b. 13 Aug 1943; m. Barbara Guzy and have; Mary Jo Collins.

(4) Glenda Rose Collins, b. 13 Sept 1944; m. Bobby V. Lantz and have; Danny Lantz, b. 18 Jan 1967 and David Lantz, b. 1 Aug, 1969.

4.- William Wayne Cline, b. 8 Aug 1921; m. Waneta McDonald. Three children:

(1) Loraine Cline, m. Tom Marks and have; Tommy Marks and Jimmy Marks.

(2) Lorena Cline, m. Terry Smith and have; Terry Lee Smith.

(3) — —

f.- James Robert Dotson, b. May 1886; m. Velma Bruner. Married and lived in Colorado a large part of his adult life; returned to West Virginia for a time in the 1930s.

From the 1920 census soundex of Colorado; Grand Co. Vol. 6 ED 46 Sheet 8 line 31;

Dodson, James W 33 West Virginia

Enumerated with Hester, Robert; relationship to above; roomer

Three children:

1.- Bernard Elmer Dotson.

2.- Bernita Dotson, m. — Franks.

3.- One son deceased.

g.- Louella Dotson, b Mar 1888, m. Sam Williams.

From the 1920 census soundex of WV: Harrison Co. Vol 18 ED 73 Sh 28 line 20

Williams, Samuel A W 45 WV

Loella W 33 WV

Thelma D 11 WV

Charlie Br 38 WV

According to the obituary of her sister Lillie Mae Cline in 1981, quoted above “surviving...a sister, Mrs. Loella Williams of Lancaster, OH.... “ One child:

1.- Thelma Williams, m. Denton

Gaskins (brother of Roy Gaskins, who m. Iva Maude Dotson).

h.- Erman Ray Dotson, b. 15 Aug 1889; d. 1 July 1967. m. Susie Arman on 3 April 1918. She born 9 June 1891, d. 11 June 1967. both buried IOOF Cemetery, Harrisville.

**Erman Ray Dotson and
Susie Arman Dotson
ca. 1920**



From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 48 113 3 80 Ellenboro Pike St

Dotson, Erman R. W 30 WV

Susie F W 27 WV

Five children:

1.- Wilma Elizabeth Dotson, b. 3 Sept 1921 at Petroleum, Ritchie Co. m. (1)

Herbert Bowersock ca. 1946 Two children:

(1) Ronald Bowersock

(2) Patricia Bowersock Kilgore

1.- Wilma Elizabeth Dotson Bowersock m. (2) Dallas Malone

2.- James Milburn Dotson. b. 4 Jan 1923 at Petroleum, Ritchie Co., m. on 20 Dec 1947 at Morgantown, WV, Irma McGinnis of Raleigh Co., b. 25 May 1923. Two children:

(1) Rodney James Dotson b. 2 June 1952, Morgantown, WV

(2) Terrence McGinnis Dotson b. 25 May 1955, Schenectady, NY; d. 14 Aug 1991.

3.- Mildred Louise Dotson, b. 18 June 1926 at Petroleum Ritchie Co.; m. on 15 Jan 1949 at Morgantown WV, John W. Bransford, Jr. of Roane County. Three children:

(1) Jane Louise Bransford, b. 20 Oct 1957, Dearborn, MI m. Roger A. Feusier 25 Nov 1979

Three children; Jessica Suzanne Feusier, b. 29 Jul 1985; John Roger Feusier, b. 8 Jul 1986; and Clark Thomas Feusier b. 1 June 1988

(2) Susan Ann Bransford, b. 14 Apr 1959 Dearborn MI m. Peter Arcuri. Two children; Alison Lynne Arcuri b. 7 June 1989 and Anthony John Arcuri b. 9 March 1991

(3) John William Bransford III, b. 7 Apr 1961 Dearborn MI m. Marjorie Lynn Oglove 21 June 1987

4.- Erman Ray Dotson Jr., b. 12 Oct 1929 at Petroleum, Ritchie Co, m. Gloria Gunter 14 Jun 1952 at Atlanta GA, Peachtree Christian Church. Four children:

(1) Jeffrey Lynn Dotson, b 25 Apr 1954 at Portsmouth VA

(2) Cynthia Patrice Dotson b. 23 July 1956 at Sandersville GA. m. Raymond Phillip Jabaley Jr 2 May 1986. Two children: Raymond Phillip Jabaley III, b. 18 Oct 1988 and Carol Marie Jabaley, b. 15 June 1991, both at LaGrange, Georgia.

(3) Stephen Charles Dotson b. 27 May 1962 at Casper WY

(4) Benjami Craig Dotson b 2 Mar 1964 at Sandersville GA; m. 17 Dec 1988 Leigh Ann Brown.

5.- Harold William Dotson, b. 13 February 1933 at Petroleum, Ritchie Co. m. (1) Myrtle Marie Stanley. Three children;

(1) David Emory Dotson, two children David, Jr. b. 31 Oct 1974 (adopted) and James b. 1 Nov 1988

(2) Debra Louann Dotson

(3) Dennis Allen Dotson b. 25 Aug 1956, d 10 Jan 1958

5.- Harold m. (2) Della Godfrey (divorced) One child;

(1) Harold William Dotson, Jr. b. 1964 or 65 Macon GA d. 3 hr.

5.- Harold m. (3) Connie Woodson on 11 Nov 1971

i.- Iva Maude Dotson, b. 15 Aug 1891, d. 24 Jan 1959; m. Roy Gaskins.

From Doddridge Co. Death Register Vol. 5 p. 64-C; "Gaskins Iva Maude F died Jan 24 1959, age 67, Salem Rt 2; buried 1/27/ 59 Keys Cemetery Dodd. Co WV; b. Aug 15, 1891, parents Sarah Ann Elder John (*sic* Charles) Wesley Dotson; informant Roy C. Gaskins (husband) Rt 2 Salem."

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge Co 10 35 11 53:

Gaskins, Roy C	W	38	WV
Maude	W	27	WV
Forest	S	10	WV
Versie	D	6	WV
Ranza	S	5	WV

Five children:

1.- Forest Gaskins, b. ca. 1910, d. 24 Feb 1986. (unwed)

2.- Versie Gaskins, b. ca. 1914, m. Rex Gaines. Two children:

(1) Delores Gaines, m. F. A. Robertson and have Greg Robertson, Sandy Robertson, Tammy Robertson, and Karen Robertson.

(2) Lee Ann Gaines, m. Tom Smith and have Patina Smith and Tom Smith.

3.- Ranza E. Gaskins, b. ca. 1915 m. Sarah Ford. Five children:

(1) Lawrence D. Gaskins. b. 18 Dec 1942

(2) Donald E. Gaskins, b 27 Nov 1945.

(3) Lora Jean Gaskins, b. 10 May 1950, m. Roger Friend.

(4) Charles V. Gaskins, b. 21 May 1952.

(5) Gary D. Gaskins, b.

12 Aug 1955.

4.- Gerald Gaskins, m. Dorothy Ash. Three children:

(1) Sam Gaskins.

(2) Sharon Gaskins

(3) Connie Gaskins.

5.- Velma Gaskins, b. 4 Jan 1923, d. 4 May 1988. m. Elza Tate. Three children:

(1) Nelda Tate, m. Robert James.

(2) Jim Tate, m. Penny Shingleton.

(3) Duane Tate.



Gerald, Ranza, and Forrest Gaskins

2.- Delila Ann Dotson, 1847-1903; m. Lawson Dotson.

Lawson Dotson, son of Thomas Dotson and Eliza Dotson, was born on Buck Run in 1848. Delila Ann and Lawson were second cousins, Robert Dotson being a son of Emanuel Dotson and Mary Redick ("Aunt Polly). Thomas Dotson was a half brother of Emanuel Dotson. For this family, see Chap. XIV-12 Lawson Dotson.

3.- Mary Elizabeth Dotson, 1849-1934; m. Marshall Dotson, 1844-1888.

Marshall Dotson was a son of Thomas Dotson & Ruth Gregg. For additional information on the Marshall Dotson line see Chapter XIV-7 and *The Gregg Family*,²⁵ page 16.

Mary E. Dotson found in the household of her father Robert in the 1850 census, age 1, and in the 1860 census, age 11.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "2 May 1867...Marshall Dotson...age 23...b. Ritchie...son of Thomas and Ruth...m. Mary E. Dotson...age 17...b. Ritchie...dau. of Robert and Catherine.."

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (279-269):

Marshall Dotson	25	VA	Farmer	
Mary E	20	VA	Hskpr	
Ezra B	1	WV		
Ruth	63	OH	Ret. Hskpr	(mother of Marshall)
Elzy	23	VA		(brother of Marshall)

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 151 007:

Dotson, Marshall	WM	37	Farmer	WV WV OH
Mary E	WF	31	Hsk.	WV WV WV
Alice	WF	8	Dau	WV WV WV
Charles	WM	6	Son	WV WV WV
George A	WM	2	Son	WV WV WV
Alias R (Elias R)	WM	4/12	Son (Jan 1880)	WV WV WV
Elza (s)	WM	35	Brother	WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist 30 865 65:

Dotson Mary E	W	Sept 1849	50	WV
Charles W	S	June 1874	25	WV
Elias R	S	Jan 1880	20	WV
Earnest J	S	Jan 1882	18	WV
Harvy H	S	Aug 1885	14	WV
Florly M	D	May 1888	12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0002:

Dotson Mary E	H W	61	WV WV
Elias R	S	30	WV
Ernest G	S	27	WV

From the 1920 census of soundex WV; Ritchie 48 115 2 46:

Dotson, Mary E	W	70	WV
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enum. with Dotson, E. J., mother

From Ritchie Co. Deaths, 1919-1970: p. 104; 12; "Dotson Mary Elizabeth, died Pennsboro rfd, female, white, widow, died May 18 1934, age 84y 8m 10d, hswork, born Toll Gate, parents Robert Dotson, b. WV, Mary Elizabeth Dotson (*sic* Catherine), b. WV, myocarditis, Odie Jones Reg."

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "MARSHALL DOTSON...1844-1888. MARY E. DOTSON...1849-1934."

This obituary from the *Pennsboro New s*, May 24, 1934—Mary E. Dotson

"Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dotson, one of Buck Run's oldest and most highly respected women, died Friday morning after an extended illness. The funeral was held from the Buck Run Church Sunday afternoon, conducted by evangelist G. W. Atkins and interment made in the nearby cemetery, McCulty and McKinley in charge. Mrs. Dotson would have been 85 years old September 8. She was the wife of the late Marshall Dotson who died February 13, 1889.

She is survived by the following children; Charles W. Dotson, George A. Dotson, Elias R. (Rob) Dotson and Earnest Dotson, with whom she lived on Buck Run; Harvey . Dotson of Parkersburg and Mrs. Howard Doak of Greenwood; also by twenty eight grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. G. T. Dotson of Akron Ohio is a surviving brother. Two children are dead, one of them (Alice Gay) the wife of W E. Doll. Mrs. Dotson has been a member of the Church of Christ since early childhood."

Parents of eight children:

- a.- Ezra B. Dotson, b. 1869
- b.- Alice Gay Dotson, b. 6 Oct 1871
- c.- Charles W. Dotson, b. 3 June 1874
- d.- George A. Dotson, b. 13 Nov 1878
- e.- Elias Robert Dotson, b. Jan 1880
- f.- Ernest Jefferson Dotson, b. 4 Jan 1883
- g.- Harvey Dotson, b. 20 Aug 1885
- h.- Flora Mae Dotson, b. 3 May 1888

a.- Ezra B. Dotson b. 1869. In the 1870 census, enumerated, age 1 yr., with his parents Marshall and Mary E Dotson. Died young (1874). In the Buck Run Cemetery: "Ezra B Dotson...1869...in his 5th year... Son of M & M E Dotson"

b.- Alice Gay Dotson, b. 6 Oct 1871; d. 5 Nov 1917; m. William Doll. He b. 1848, d. 28 April 1938.

In the Buck Run Cemetery; "William E Doll...1848-1938, Alice G Doll...1871-1917".

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 106; "Doll William Edward, male, widow, died Pennsboro Apr 28 1938; age 89y 5m 17d, farmer, b. WV parents, Daniel Doll, b VA, Darius (Dorcus) Ferrebe, b. VA, myocardiat. degeneraton, etc., rept. by Odie Jones regis."

This marriage in Ritchie County: "10 Nov 1891...William E. Doll...widow...age 42...b. Mineral Co...resident Ritchie...m. Alice G. Dotson...age 21...b. Ritchie.

From the 1900 soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist 30 86 5 92:

Doll, William E	W	Nov 1849	50	WV
Alice G	W	Oct 1871	28	WV
Bertha	D	May 1895	5	WV
Ezra C	S	Aug 1899	6/12	WV
Dorcus	M	Mar 1826	74	NJ

From the 1910 census of Ritchie County (Clay Dist. ED0067, Sh. 0254, 15 April 1910, Supervisors Dist B F McGinnis, 251, 254):

Doll, William E.	Head	Male White	59	Mar.(2) yr.	mar.18	VA Eng. US
Alice G	Wife	F	37	Mar.(1) yr.	mar.18	WV WV WV
Ezra C.	Son	M	10	Single		WV VA WV
Archie M.	Son	M	7	S		WV VA WV
Vina M.	Dau	F	4	S		WV VA WV
Alta E.	Dau	F	2	S		WV VA WV
Alva N.	Son	M	2	S		WV VA WV
Dotson, Erman R.	Cous.*	M	20	S (Teacher)		WV WV WV
Dotson, Rutha A.	Cous.*	F	27	S		WV WV WV

*On the death in 1904 of their father Charles Wesley Dotson, Erman Ray and Rutha A Dotson, then orphans, were taken to raise in the home of William E, and first cousin Alice Gay Dotson Doll.

Erman Ray (the author's father) remained close to his "foster" father William Doll until the latter's death in 1938, and later with his Doll "brothers", Ezra, Archie and Nathan. The author fondly remembers the visits and stories of "Grandpa Doll" at Erman Ray's home at Petroleum during the 1920s and 1930s. At this time William Doll was pretty well 'laid up' with rheumatism but his stories remained vivid.

William Doll, a stone-mason by trade, was born in the same house as Nancy Hanks Lincoln in Mineral County, near 'the Saddle'.

For a family history sketch of William Edward Doll by his son Nathan, please see page 108 of *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980*.



**Erman Ray Dotson mowing hay on William E. Doll farm near Pennboro, WV
Mr. Doll at right; ca. 1915**

Five children:

1.- Bertha B. Doll, b. May 1895; died 5 Nov 1902 (Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 96).

2.- Ezra Carson Doll, b. Aug 1899, m. Alice McCullough. Two children:

(1) Dorothy Doll, m. John Burrows and have; David Burrows; Danny Burrows; and Johnny Burrows.

(2) David Doll, m. Loretta ____.

3.- Archie Marion Doll, b. 15 Sept 1902; d. 11 Jan 1968; m. Edra Calhoun. Six children:

(1) Archie Marion Doll, Jr., m. Rosemary McCullough and have; Randall Doll, m. Kim ____ and have, Ryan Doll; Karen Ann Doll, m. Janes Johnson and have Brian Johnson; Archie Lee Johnson; and Carey Johnson.

(2) George Doll, m. Betty Tennant and have; Myra Doll.

(3) John Doll, m. Evelyn Gross and have, Sandra Doll, m. Mike Keller; and Mickie Doll.

(4) Ernest Doll, m. Loretta Tasket and have, Donita Doll and Patricia Doll.

(5) Louise Doll, b. 27 July 1926; m. Ray Flanagan, Jr., 2 Oct 1944. He b. 11 March 1925. (For this family, see *Descendants of John Wilson*,²⁶ page 123). They have, Mike Flanagan, b. 13 Dec 1946, m. Carolyn Hooper and have, Michael Ray Flanagan; Linda Flanagan, b. 10 Sept 1950, m. Robert Hill, 16 Oct 1970; Joe Flanagan, b. 3 May 1954, m. Charlotte Thomas, 1976; and Gregg Flanagan.

(6) Jean Doll, m. Tom Summers, Sr. and have, Tom Summers, Jr., m. Pamela Hurst and have Regina Summers, b. 12 Sept 1972; and David Summers.

4.- Vina May Doll, b. ca. 1906, m. Otto Haines. Twelve children:

(1) Thelma Haines, m. Peter Malinotto.

(2) Edith Haines, m. Edward Sampson.

(3) Norma Haines, m. George Serbin.

(4) Erma Haines, m. Davin Bayus.

(5) Peggy Haines, m. Donald Miller.

(6) Goldie Haines, m. James Kerr.

(7) Ruth Haines, m. Bob Wishard.

(8) James Haines.

(9) Donnie Haines.

(10) Jerry Haines.

(11) Edward Haines.

(12) Dean Haines, m. Linda Lou Kitchen.

5.- Alva Nathan Doll, b. ca. 1908, m. (1) Gertrude Markle. Three children:

(1) Alice Doll.

(2) Alva Lee Doll.

(3) Edward Doll.

5.- Alva Nathan Doll, m. (2) Irene Campbell Weekley

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* June 1982: "Wife of Former News Editor Dies in Broadus Hospital: Mrs. Irene Doll, 71, of 209 E. Raymond Ave., Pennsboro, WV, died Thursday evening June 17, 1982, at Broadus Hospital in Philippi, WV.

ShewasborninMarietta,OH,adaughterofthelateMr.andMrs.FrankCampbell.....She is survived by her second husband, Nathan Doll, former owner and publisher of the

Pennsboro News; a daughter, Mrs. Nell DeLancey of Williamstown; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Alice L Zegrea of Winston-Salem, NC; two step-sons, Floyd Doll of Cincinnati, OH, and Alva Doll of Clarksburg, WV; and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Rex G. Weekley, a daughter and a sister....Burial was in the Pennsboro Masonic Cemetery."

Living in 1991, Nathan Doll was honored as Grand Marshall of the Country Roads Festival at Pennsboro.

6.- Alta Doll, b. ca. 1908; died young.

c.- Charles W. Dotson, b. 3 June 1874; d. 13 April 1966. He m. Minnie Doak; b. 1884; d. 9 Feb 1959.

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 112, "Dotson Charles W. male, widow, died Pennsboro April 13 1966, age 91y --, farmer, b. Ritchie Co, parents Marshall Dotson, Mary E. Dotson, bronchopneumonia, rept. by Nelle Cannon Registrar" and p. 112, "Dotson Minnie Ellen, female, married, died Pennsboro Rt 1 Feb 21 1959, age 74y --, housewife, b. WV, parents W L Doak, Lucindia McGinnis, artery occlusion, rept. Nelle Cannon, Regist."

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "CHARLES W. DOTSON...1874-1966. MINNIE E. DOTSON...1884-1959."

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0068 0005

Dotson Charles W	H W	35	WV WV
Minnie E	W	25	WV
Marshal (Avery) S		06	WV
Ivah G	D	nr	WV

Parents of four children:

1.- M. Avery Dotson, b. ca. 1904, d. Feb 24, 1991. m. Delia E. McKinney; d. Sept 11, 1988. One child:

(1) Marlene Dotson, m. Clarence Maze.

From Avery Dotson's obituary appearing in the *Ritchie Gazette*, April 28, 1991. "M. Avery Dotson, 87, of 107 Willow St., Pennsboro, WV, died Sunday Feb 24, 1991 in Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital, Parkersburg, WV.

He was born in Buck Run (Ritchie County), WV, a son of the late Charles W. and Minnie E. Doak Dotson...Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Marlene) Maze, Jr. of Petersburg, VA; a brother, Everett Dotson of Pennsboro; two sisters, Cartha Collins and Iva Poole, both of Pennsboro; and two grandsons, Tom Maze of Fayetteville, NC, and John Maze of Charlottesville, VA. Preceding him in death was his wife, Delia E. McKinney Dotson, Sept 11, 1988...Burial was in Coleman Cemetery, near Crystal Lake (Doddridge County)."

For a family history sketch and photograph of M. Avery and Delia McKinney Dotson, please see p. 110 of *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980*.²⁷

2.- Iva Dotson, m. Howard Poole. Three children:

(1) Keith Poole, m. Velma Dougherty. They have; Karen Poole, m. William Ellyson; Larry Poole, m. Debbie ____; Brian Poole; and Kevin Poole.

(2) Ethan Poole, m. Jean Reed. They have; Ethan Allen Poole; and Eric Glen Poole

(3) Sharon Poole, m. Gerald Hall. They have; Gerald "Gerry" Hall; Terry

Hall; Michael Hall; and Mark Hall.

3.- Cartha Dotson, m. William Collins. Four children:

(1) Norma Jean Collins. Died young of burns.

(2) Floyd Collins, m. Mary Lou Mahony. They have; Pam Collins and Penny Collins.

(3) Lyndon Collins, m. Judy Penniger. They have; Stacy Collins.

(4) Neil Collins, m. Lila Coast. They have; Brett Collins.

4.- Everett Dotson, b. Dec 17, 1917 (Ritchie Co. Reg. of Births "Lenard Evert Dotson, b. Pennsboro, father Chas. W Dotson, mother Minnie E. Doak Dotson") m. Virginia Amos. Two children:

(1) Charles Dotson, m. Pamela Doak Markle. They have; Marsha Lynn Dotson.

(2) Denise Dotson, m. Rocky Walters. She d. 1975. They had: Jennifer Walters.

d.- George Albert Dotson, b. 13 Nov 1878; d. 14 Jan 1942. He m. (1) Nettie Doll. She d. 18 Nov 1902.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "11 Sept 1897...George A. Dotson...age 19...b. Ritchie...Stanley...m. Nettie A Doll...age 22...b. Ritchie...Stanley"

From Ritchie Deaths p. 96; "Nettie Dotson d. Buck Run , age 28, consumption; b. 1874, parents W. (William) E. and A. G. Doll; consort G. A. Dotson rept by G. A. Dotson husband. (Nettie a child of W E Doll's first marriage, not his second to Alice Gay Dotson in 1891)

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "NETTIE A. DOTSON...1875-1902."

Parents of two children:

1.- Gertrude Dotson, m. David Ryan. One child:

(1) Arthur Ryan, m. Nellie Mossor. They have; Rosalie Ryan, m. Joseph Snyder and have Joe Snyder.

2.- Asa Dotson, m. Edith Nutter. Two children:

(1) Eleanor Dotson, m. Stanton Maple. They have; Larry Maple; Jimmie Maple; Steven Maple; and Richard Maple.

(2) Carolyn Dotson, m. Steve Taylor. They have; Steven Taylor.

For a family history sketch of the Asa Arthur Dotson family please see p. 109 of *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980*.

d.- George A. Dotson, m. (2) Ina Fleming.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "16 Jan 1910...G. A. Dotson...widow...age 32...b. Ritchie...m. Ina Fleming...age 18...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie."

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "GEORGE A. DOTSON...1878-1942. INA F. DOTSON...1889-1968."

From Ritchie Co. Deaths (1919-1970)106 27: "Dotson George Albert, d. Pennsboro rfd, Jan 11 1942, age 63y 2m 1d; farmer; b. Buck Run, parents Marshal L Dotson, b. WV and Mary E Dotson, b. WV; bronchial pneumonia rept. by Odie Jones." Two children:

3.- Homer Dotson, m. Marie Dotson. For Marie Dotson's line see Chapter V-1 Emanuel Dotson (Hiram). Homer and Marie Dotson operated a store and the Toll Gate postoffice for many years.²⁸

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette*, Feb 18, 1983:

“Homer Kenneth Dotson, 69, of Toll Gate, WV. died Monday, Feb 14, 1983, at his home following a brief illness.

He was born in Ritchie County, WV, a son of the late George Albert and Ina Fleming Dotson. He was owner and operator of the Toll Gate Grocery and was a farmer in Doddridge and Ritchie counties.

Surviving are his wife, Marie D. Dotson; two daughters, Linda D. Jones of Toll Gate, and Bonnie D. Grose of Parkersburg, WV; a son, Roger 'Doc' Dotson of Toll Gate; a brother, Clifford Dotson of Pennsboro, WV; a half-brother, Asa Dotson of Pennsboro; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Services were held at the Spurgeon Funeral Home in West Union, WV, burial was in the Pennsboro Masonic Cemetery.” Three children:

(1) Linda Lou Dotson, m. Glen Jones. They have; Tammy LaDawn Jones, Rebecca Yvonne Jones, m. ___Ash; and Terry Glen Jones.

(2) Bonnie Lee Dotson, m. Kenneth Grose. They have; Kevin Gale Grose; Kenda□Lee Grose; and Stephanie Kay Grose, stillborn 1972.

(3) Roger Dean Dotson, m. Helen Richards. They have; Katrina Dotson, b.1981

4.- Clifford Dotson, m. Mildred Dotson. Sister of Marie Dotson, above.

e.- Elias Robert Dotson, m. Martha Washburn.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “17 May 1914...E. Robert Dotson...age 34...b. Ritchie...m. Martha E. Washburn...age 19...b. Ritchie.”

1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 48 115 2 33:

Dotson E R	W	40	WV
Martha	W	25	WV
Decie	D	4 11/12	WV
Leslie	S	4 11/12	WV
Lloyd A	S	3 11/12	WV
Ora	S	1 2/12	WV

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* June 27, 1985:

“Mrs. Martha E. Dotson, 91, of Pennsboro, WV, Died Saturday, June 22, 1985, in Parkview Health Care Center, Parkersburg, WV, after a long illness.

She was born at Mountain (Ritchie County), WV, daughter of the late Loyd C. and Mary Elizabeth Doak Washburn. She was a member of the Pennsboro Church of Christ and Pennsboro Senior Citizens. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Delcie W. Jackson and Mary Lucile Dotson, both of Pennsboro, WV; three sons, Leslie W. Dotson and Berkley W. Dotson, both of Pennsboro, WV, and Marshall Loyd Dotson of Charleston, WV; a brother, Aubra Washburn of Coolville, OH; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son and three brothers.

Services were held a McCullough-Rogers Funeral Home, Pennsboro...”



**Elias Robert “Robb”
Dotson as a young
man**

Six children:

1.- Leslie Wyman Dotson (twin), m. Wilma Hart. Two children:

(1) Dolores Dotson, m. Larry Butcher. They have; Deborah Butcher; Timothy Butcher; Bradley Butcher; and Jason Butcher.

(2) David Dotson, m. Bonnie Davis.

2.- Delcie Winnifred Dotson (twin), m. Carrol Jackson. Six children:

(1) Leamon Jackson, m. Sharon Hill. They have; Timothy Jackson; and Melissa Jackson.

(2) Norman Jackson, m. Gladys Hurst. They have; Mark Jackson; Beckey Jackson; and Steven Jackson.

(3) Judy Jackson (twin), m. Joseph Basile. They have; Julie Basile; and Jason Basile.

(4) Robert Jackson (twin), m. Melinda Jamison.

(5) Sandra Jackson, m. Roy Hammond. Divorced. They had; Kelli Hammond.

(6) Barbara Jackson.

3.- Ora Marvin Dotson, d. 1976; m. Lorean McKinney. Two children:

(1) Sonja Dotson, m. Steve Upton. They have; Andrew Upton.

(2) Letita Dotson, m. John Bennett.

4.- Marshall Lloyd Dotson, b. ca. 1917, d. May 10, 1992. m. (1) Marion Stevens.

One child:

(1) Marshall L. Dotson II, m. Ramona _____. They have; Micky Dotson.

4.- Marshall Lloyd Dotson, m. (2) Kathryn Weekley. Two children:

(2) Gregory Dotson.

(3) Cathy Jo Dotson, m. Higginbotham.

5.- Lucille Dotson (unwed).

6.- Berkeley Dotson (unwed).

f.- Ernest Jefferson Dotson, m. Opal Faye Sellers, 3 Nov 1926. He b. 4 Jan 1883; d. 5 Dec 1969.

In Buck Run Cemetery: "ERNEST J. DOTSON...1883-1969. OPAL FAYE DOTSON...1906-____." Opal Faye Dotson died 24 Apr 1992.

For a family history sketch of the Earnest Dotson family, please see p. 111 of *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980*. Two children:

1.- Lona Mae Dotson, b. 27 Oct 1927; m. Robert Doak, 13 Sept 1946. This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* Nov 14, 1991:

"Lona Mae Doak, 64, of Buck Run Community, Pennsboro, WV, died Saturday, Nov 9, 1991, in St Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg, WV.

She was born in the Buck Run Community, Ritchie County, WV, a daughter of Opal Faye Sellers Dotson of Pennsboro and the late Ernest J. Dotson. She was homemaker and a member of the Pennsboro Church of Christ.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband, Robert W. Doak; a son, Gary L Doak of Buck Run Community; a daughter, Sheila Diane Wells, a sister, Glenda J. Dotson, and two grandsons, Evan Wells and Chris Wells, all of Pennsboro.

Services were held at the McCullough-Rogers Funeral Home, Pennsboro, with Evangelists Cecil Dotson and Terry Jones officiating. Burial was in the Buck Run Cemetery."

Two children:

(1) Gary L. Doak.

(2) Sheila Dianne Doak. m. a Wells.

2.- Glenda Jean Dotson, b. 30 July 1946. Not married.

g.- Harvey Dotson, b. 20 Aug 1885; d. 16 Feb 1941. He m. Stella Williamson. See page 77 *The Doak Family*.²⁹ Six children:

1.- Robert Ray Dotson, m. Grace Emeric. Three children:

(1) Alta Jaunita Dotson, m. Earl Newberry Jr. They have; David Wayne Newberry, m. Jean Walker : Diane Kay Newberry, m. Robert Rissiter and have Donna Jean Rissiter, Debra June Rissiter and Dale Ann Rissiter.

(2) Betty Jean Dotson, m. Edward Pfalsgraf. They have; Jeanette Pfalsgraf and Jennifer Pfalsgraf.

(3) Carolyn Ruth Dotson, m. Paul Skidmore. They have; Kevin Ray Skidmore; Kemp Gray Skidmore; and Kary Shay Skidmore.

2.- Martha Bell Dotson, b. 20 May 1911; m. Tom Butterfield, 12 Sept 1938. He b. 8 Nov 1903. Two children:

(1) Thomas Dotson "Tom" Butterfield, b. 26 Aug 1940; m. Nina Deane, 6 Sept 1958. She b. 21 Nov 1940. They have; Thomas Mark Butterfield, b. 2 Aug 1959; Brenda Jo Butterfield, b. 11 July 1940; Paul William Butterfield, b. 12 Jan 1963; and Brian Jennings Butterfield, b. 24 July 1970.

(2) William Butterfield, b. 25 Aug 1945; m. Linda Lou Stanley, 6 June 1965. She b. 26 April 1947. They have; William Shawn Butterfield, b. 12 July 1969. (Adopted).

3.- Estil E. Dotson, m. Clifford Butterfield. Two children: (1) David Eugene Butterfield, m. Ann Carol Stephens. They have; Kristie Karie Butterfield.

(2) Janet Sue Butterfield, m. Gary Lee Truex.

4.- Cecil Dotson, b. Sept 1914; m. Helen Tennant, 22 Nov 1939. She b. 15 May 1912; d. 6 Oct 1972. Three children:

(1) Connie Dotson, m. Bill Bartels, 14 July 1961. She b. 26 Feb 1943. They have; William "Billy" Bartels, b. 20 Oct 1963; and Brad Bartels, b. 13 June 1969.

(2) Sherry Dotson, m. ___ Rollins. One child.

(3) Douglas Dotson, m. Carol Crawford, 3 June 1966. They have; Pamela Kristine Dotson, b. 5 June 1967 and Casey Sue Dotson, b. 22 Sept 1969.

5.- Josephine Dotson, b. 25 Nov 1923, m. Earl Florence, 15 Dec 1946. He b. 26 Oct 1914. Two children:

(1) Patty Ilene Florence, b. 16 Sept 1947; m. Michael Balisle, 19 Dec 1970. He b. 11 Sept 1949.

(2) Gala Jo Florence, b. 17 Jan 1956.

6.- Dale Dotson, m. Shirley ___.

h.- Flora Mae Dotson, b. 3 May 1888; m. Howard Doak.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "24 April 1907...Howard Doak...age 22...b. Doddridge...m. Flora May Dotson...age 19...b. Ritchie."

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "HOWARD DOAK...1884-1959. FLORA M. DOAK...1888-1983."

Three children:

1.- Carl Doak, m. Vada Young. Two children:

(1) Dorothy Doak, m. Robert Cazad. Divorced. They had; Gary Cazad; and Mark Cazad.

(2) Vernon Doak, m. Aloma Cristel. They have; Jeffrey Doak; and Pamela Doak

2.- Opal Doak, m. Arden Hodge. Five children:

(1) Judy Hodge, m. Marshall Doll. They have; Angela Doll.

(2) Paula Hodge, m. Michael Waldo. They have; Nocole Waldo.

(3) Martha Kay Hodge, m. _____.

(4) Roger Hodge.

(5) David Hodge.

3.- Marshall Doak, m. Edith McCullough.

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* Feb 20, 1992:

“Marshall ‘Doc’ Doak, 71, of Pennsboro, WV, died Thursday Feb 13, 1992 in Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital, Parkersburg, WV.

He was born in Greenwood (Doddridge County), WV, a son of the late David Howard and Flora Mae Dotson Doak...

Surviving are his wife, Edythe McCullough Doak; a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Pam) Dotson of Pennsboro; a brother, Carl Doak of Proctorville, OH; a sister Opal Hodge of Berea, WV; and two grandchildren, Marsha Dotson and Ryan Dotson, both of Pennsboro....burial followed in the Mount Harmony Masonic Cemetery, Pennsboro....”

One child:

(1) Pamela Doak, m. (1) Cecil “Butch” Markle. Killed in racing car accident.

(1) Pamela Doak, m. (2) Charles Dotson. They have; Marsha Lynn Dotson and Ryan Dotson.

4.- Sarah Dotson, b. 1858. m. Samuel Richards on 5 Dec 1889.

Sarah found in the household of her father Robert Dotson in the census of 1860, age 2; 1870, age 12; and 1880, age 21.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “5 Dec 1889...Samuel F. Richards...age 26...b. Ritchie...m. Sarah H. Dotson...age 31...b. Ritchie.”

1900 census soundex of WV ; Ritchie Co. Union Dist; 30 93 11 25:

Richards, Samuel R	W	Jan 1863	37	WV
Sarah H	W	Feb 1858	42	WV
Myrtle G	D	Jan 1891	9	WV
Harvey O	S	Oct 1893	6	WV
Alpheus W	S	June 1896	3	WV

1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge Co. 007 0033 0001:

Richards Samuel	H W	47	WV	WV
Myrtle	D	19	WV	
Harvey	S	16	WV	
Alfa	S	Nr	WV	

Three children:

a.- Myrtle Richards. b. Jan 1891. Never married. Lived with her brother, Alpha Richards. Died at Pennsboro.

b.- Harvey Richards, b. Oct 1893. m. Margaret Elder. Six children:

1.- Darrell Richards, m. Joyce Monahan. One child: (1) Melanie Richards, m. Thomas Ferris.

2.- Bernard Richards, m. Freda Cornell. Four children:

- (1) Gary Richards, m. Ann Ayers and have; Angeline Richards.
- (2) Roger Richards.
- (3) John Richards.
- (4) Martha Richards.

3.- Stanley Richards, m. Betty Cornell. Four children:

- (1) Ralph Richards.
- (2) Wayne Richards.
- (3) Randall Richards.
- (4) Larry Richards.

4.- Stella Richards. Unmarried.

5.- Frances Richards, m. Dale Masters. Four children:

- (1) James Masters.
- (2) Janet Masters, m. Jason Goff.
- (3) Julie Masters.
- (4) Lisa Masters.

6.- Arnold Richards, m. Mary Taylor. Mary is a dau. of Tighe Flinn Taylor, who is a son of Susannah Bell Wilson and James D. Taylor, who is a son of James Taylor and Lovisa Dotson. For this family, see page 193 *Descendants of John Wilson*.³⁰ Four children:

- (1) Terry Richards.
- (2) Dinah Richards.
- (3) Debbie Richards.
- (4) Mark Richards.

c.- Alpha Richards. b. June 1896. Never married. Sister Myrtle lived with him. Had a store at Pennsboro, W.Va.

5.- George T. Dotson, b. 1856,

From the Index and Register of Births Doddridge County, W. Va. Vol. 1, p. 8: "Nov 1, 1856, Dotson, Geo. Thomas, Male, parents; Catherine and Robert Dotson". m. (1) Mary Doll and (2) Nancy Doll; they were sisters, daughters of Daniel and Dorcas Ferrebe Doll.

In the household of his father Robert Dotson in the census of 1860, age 6, and in 1870, age 14.

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 151 004:

Doll, Daniel	WM	52		Farmer	WV WV WV
Dorcas	WF	52	Wife	Hskp.	WVEN EN
Nancy V	WF	25(?)	Dau	At home	WV WV WV
Martha A	WF	39	Dau	At home	WV WV WV
Dotson, George (m)	WM	24	Sil	Farmer	WV WV WV
Dotson, Mary (m)	WF	20	Dau	At home	WV WV WV
Dotson, Dorcas V	WF	1	G/Dau		WV WV WV
Dotson, Wm T	WM	4/12	G/Son	(Jan 1880)	WV WV WV

George T Dotson m. (1) Mary V. Doll, 24 Jan 1878. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “24 Jan 1878...George T. Dotson...age 22...b. Doddridge...res. Ritchie...son of Robert and Catherine...m. Mary V. Doll...age 18 ...b. Tyler...resident Ritchie...dau. of Daniel and Dorcas...by D. W. Ward”.

Parents of two known children:

a.- Dorcas V. Dotson, b. ca. 1879

b.- William T. Dotson, b. Jan 1880. m. _____. Parents of three children:

1.- Carl Dotson.

2.- Lee Dotson.

3.- Gertrude Dotson, m. ____ Langfitt. One child, deceased.

George T Dotson m. (2) Nancy Doll. This marriage in Doddridge Co. (Bk 3 p. 79): April 5, 1885 George T. Dotson and Nancy Doll.

George and Nancy signed a deed as an heir to George’s father Robert Dotson’s estate, (Ritchie Deeds Book 41 p. 199), and acknowledged it in Roane County on 7 Sept 1894. George T. Dotson was not found in either the 1900 or 1910 census soundex of WV. In the obituary of his sister Mary Elizabeth Dotson in 1934: “ G. T. Dotson of Akron Ohio is a surviving brother.” Parents of six children:

c.- Mae Dotson, m. ____ McCune.

d.- George Wesley Dotson.

e.- R. Sheldon Dotson.

f, g, and h.- Girls. Deceased.

6.- Alice Dotson

From Ritchie Births: “6 December 1860; Alice Dotson, parents; Robert and Catherine Dotson.” Must have died young; not in 1870 census of father Robert Dotson.

CHAPTER VII-10

THOMAS DOTSON, JR.

Thomas Dotson, b. 1824, m. Lydia Williams.

Note; the title “Jr.” for Thomas Dotson Jr. is used to distinguish this Thomas (son of Emanuel Sr. and Mary) from his uncle Thomas Sr. who was the son of Richard Dotson Sr. and Amelia Miller Dotson. This use follows the custom of the time (19th century, e.g. Ritchie Deed Book Index 1843-1900) and does not indicate the present-day (20th century) implication of a father-son relationship.

Thomas Jr. was another of Lowther’s³¹ six identified as children of “Aunt Polly”.

This marriage in Ritchie County: “Nov 28, 1847...Thomas Dotson, 22 m Lydia Williams, 17, by Eli Riddle.” She was a dau. of Elias Williams and Honora Trenarie.

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County:

Dotson, Thomas age 26 years (farmer) born in Virginia

Lydia 21

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County (534-509):

Thomas Dodson 35 Va Farmer (value of real est. \$1000)

Lydia 31 Va

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (275-265):

Thomas Dotson	45	Va Farmer (value of real est. \$1500)
Lydia	40	Va Hskpr
W W Cooper	11	Va
Eliza J Lawson	19	Va

We find no record of Thomas and Lydia as having any children. Records examined included a. the census of 1850, 60, and 70 quoted above, b. Ritchie births 1853-1872 (LDS film 32505 pt 205) and c. the deed cited below in which his heirs-at-law included no children, but instead his brothers and sisters then known or assumed to be living.

In the Ritchie Deaths, p. 25: "Dotson, Thomas Dec 26, 1873, d. Buck Run fever age 49y 2m, parents Emanuel and Mary Dotson, born in Harrison Co. farmer, consort; did not give person rept."

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery; "Rev Thos Dotson d Dec 26, 1873 age 49y 2m 19 day"

In 1874, Thomas, Jr.'s widow, Lydia Dotson, became the second wife of his brother, John S. Dotson. See Chapter VII-8.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "24 Dec 1874...John S. Dotson, 53...widower...b. Harrison Co... Res. Rit. Co...Parents, Emanuel & Mary; and Lydia Dotson, 45...widow...b. Harrison Co...res. Rit. Co...parents, Elias & ____ Williams by Stephen Loveall."

Her parents were Elias Williams and Honora Trenarie. In *The Williams Family*³² by Carsie Williams, he states; "We know that there were more than two daughters but we do not have their names." This would be one of the unnamed daughters. The other unnamed daughter may be "Mary Williams." but this is not proven. This marriage in Tyler County: "3 Jan 1833...Edward Thomas and Mary Williams by John Ripley"

Lydia was a sister of John Williams, who m. Naomi Dotson (Chapter XVIII).

CHAPTER VII-11.

JOSEPH DOTSON

Joseph Dotson, b. 1827; d. 1893; m. Christiana Tralinger, 28 October 1856.

This marriage in Dodd. Co; "28 Oct 1856...Joseph L. Dotson, 28...single...born Harrison Co... res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Emanuel & Mary; and Christiana Tralinger, 18... single...b. Allegheny Co., Md...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Joseph and & Mary T."

Christiana Tralinger, b. 1838...died 1919. In the Buck Run Cemetery: "Joseph Dotson 1827-1893. Christina Dotson 1838-1919"

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County, Dw1. 534, Fam. 534:

Dotson, Joseph	23	(farmer) VA
Mary	65	PA

This is Mary Redick ("Aunt Polly") the mother of Joseph Dotson.

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County, 540-515:

Joseph Dodson	32	VA Farmer
Christena	22	MD
Mary J	3	VA
Fred N	1	VA
John S (brother)	37	VA Fm hand

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County, 285-275:

Joseph Dotson	42	VA Farmer
Christina	32	MDHskpr
Mary J	12	VA
Frederick N	10	VA
Rozena A	8	VA
Margaret C	5	WV
Flora B	3	WV
Sarah I	3/12	WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County, 151 (Clay) 003:

Dotson, Joseph	WM	52	Farmer	WV WV WV
Christina	WF	45	Wife Kp. house	MD MD MD
Frederic	WM	20	Son Farmer	WV WV WV
Rosa A	WF	18	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Margarite	WF	16	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Flora B	WF	14	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Rosina	WF	8?	Dau	WV WV WV
Joseph M	WM	2	Son	WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; 30 86 8 51 Ritchie Clay Dist:

Dotson, Christina	W	May 1839	61	Maryland
Double Zelinial A	S L	June 1855	44	PA
Margaret C	D	July 1867	32	WV
Green Ira B	G D	Aug 1888	11	WV
Double, Hazel	G G D	June 1899	11/12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0039

Dotson Christina	M	71	Maryland	WV
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enumerated with Dotson Fred N H W

They were parents of seven (possibly eight) children:

1.- Mary J Dotson b. Aug 30 1857 (Ritchie Co. Births "M M Dotson parents Joseph and Christine".

2.- Fredrick N. Dotson, b. 1859; d. 1943. He m. Nancy Loveall, b. 1858; d. 1941.

This marriage in Tyler County: "4 May 1881...Fredrick W. Dotson, 21...b. Rit. Co...and Nancy Loveall, 22...b. Wetzel Co...by E. J. "Doc" Taylor."

From the 1900 census soundex WV; Tyler Centerville Dist. 34 8116 28:

Dotson Fred	W	nr nr	39	WV
Nancy C	W	July 1858	41	WV
Delbert	S	Aug 1882	17	WV
Eddie	S	Dec 1891	8	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0039:

Dotson Fred N	H W	50	WV WV
Nancy C	W	51	WV
Edward B	S	18	WV
Christina	M	71	Maryland

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 48 115 2 64:

Dotson, F M	W	60	WV
N C	W	61	WV

From Ritchie Co. Deaths (1919-1970), p. 106 41: "Dotson, Frederick, died Greenwood route 1, male, white, widow, Aug 31 1943; age 84y -m 9d, farmer, res. Buck Run, parents Joseph Dotson, b. Rit. WV, Christine Trellinger, b. Rit WV, nat. cause senility, Bertha J. Riddle Registrar"

From Ritchie Co. Deaths (1919-1970), p. 106 22, "Dotson, Nancy Kathryn Loveall, Harrisville route no. 2; female, white, married, d. May 31 1941, age 82y 10m 30d, Housewife, b. Wetzel Co., parents Stephen Loveall, b. Pa, Harriet Foster Cox, b. Wetzel Co., Fracture rt. hip acute myocardites, Odie Jones Regis."

They lived on Buck Run. In the Buck Run Cemetery: "FREDRICK N. DOTSON...1859-1943. NANCY C. DOTSON...1858-1941."

Parents of two children:

a.- Delbert Dewey Dotson, b. 3 Aug 1882. (Still living 15 Sept 1976). He m. Enid Elliott, 28 June 1924. She b. 28 Nov 1890; d. 26 Feb 1967. He resided in the west. Colorado. One child:

1.- Barbara Jean Dotson, b. 23 July 1929; m. (1) in 1947, __ Gail. One son:
(1) Terrence Gail b. 7 Feb 1948; m. Kathy Marie Thompson.

1.- Barbara Jean Dotson, m. (2) Lloyd Victor Cooley in 1950. He b. 19 Nov 1927. They have three children:

(2) Donna Jean Cooley, b. 25 Dec 1950; m. Bruce Lee Upoton. He b. 5 Aug 1950. They have; Kristine Marie Upoton, b. 31 Dec 1972.

(3) Lyle Edwin Cooley, b. 21 Oct 1952; m. Shawna Lee Sackett, 17 Nov 1972.

(4) Ronald Allen Cooley, b. 24 Aug 1955.

b.- Edward Bryan Dotson, b. 29 Dec 1891; d. 3 July 1920. He was not married. He was working in Clarksburg as a watchman; he was shot and killed (probably by a stray shot).

3.- Rosa A (Rosina?) Dotson b. ca. 1862

4.- Margarite Dotson b. ca. 1864 (or July 1867); m. Zephaniah A Double; this marriage in Ritchie Co. "11 March 1896...Zephaniah A. Double...widow...age 37...b. Butler Co. PA...resident Doddridge...m. Margaret C. Dotson...age 26...b. Ritchie."

In 1900, in the household of her mother with husband and baby Helen, b. June 1899.

5.- Flora B Dotson b. ca. 1866

6.- Sarah J. Dotson, b. Feb 7, 1870 (Ritchie Births); d. 18 Feb 1872...age 2 years.

7.- Joseph Minor Dotson, b. 17 Sept 1877; d. 22 Dec 1899 (from headstone in the Buck Run Cemetery). This death in the Ritchie County Register, p. 85; "Dotson Joseph Minor d. Dec 21, 1899, age 22; lung trouble; parents Jos. and Christina Dotson, farmer, single, rept by mother Christina"

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Chapter VIII

Richard Dotson, Jr.

Richard Dotson Jr., b. 1792-1794, probably in Hampshire Co., Virginia. This marriage in Harrison County: "2 Sept. 1810...Richard Dotson & Margaret White by Hamilton Goss."

Margaret White was b. 1793-1797. They resided on the Greenwood Hill, east of Greenwood, W.Va.

From Miss Lowther's *History of Ritchie County* 1911¹: "Richard Dotson, the head of another branch of the family, was also a brother of William Sr. and Zachariah Dotson. He removed from the Old Dominion to the Monongahela Glades, and from there to Doddridge County, where he met the destroyer. Though he is said to have owned land in the Toll Gate vicinity as early as 1800, we have no account of his having made any improvement there. His home, however was in Doddridge Co., and in a burying ground on Arnold's Creek his ashes lie." There is another paragraph but all of it is in error.

The above paragraph is partly in error. Most of the above information is of Richard Dotson, Sr. and not of Richard Dotson, Jr.

Richard Dotson, Jr. had a half brother William Dotson (Chapter V), and another half brother, Zachariah Dotson (Chapter XII). In the later chapter on Zachariah Dotson a picture of Richard Dotson, Jr. and Zachariah Dotson is shown and the proof that they were half brothers.

At the time of their marriage, (from ages given in censuses), Richard Dotson, Jr. would have been 16-18 years of age and Margaret White 13-17 years of age.

In 1825 Richard, Jr. and his wife Margaret sold a 65 acre tract located on Simpson's Creek in Harrison Co. to his brother-in-law Philip Britton, husband of Richard's sister Margaret (Chap. 13). (Harrison Co. Deeds Vol. 17 p. 417, deed dated 8 July 1825) This tract was acquired less than a year earlier from Richard's brother Joseph and wife Nancy (Harrison Co. Deeds Vol. 17, p. 307, 24 Nov. 1824). The deed in 1825, naming Richard's wife as Margaret proves that this was Richard, Jr. and not Richard, Sr.

From the 1830 census of VA; Tyler County:

Richard Dotson; males; 1 under 5; 1 10-15; 1 15-20; 1 40-50; females; 2 under 5; 1 10-15; 1 20-30; 1 30-40.

From the 1840 census of VA; Harrison County (two dwellings from Luke Jaco):

Richard Dotson; males; 1 5-10; 1 15-20; 1 20-30; 1 40-50; females; 1 under 5; 1 5-10; 2 10-15; 1 20-30; 1 40-50.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County (Fam. 114)

Dotson, Richard	56	MW	Farmer	VA
Margaret	53	FW		VA
Francis M	15	MW		VA

In a footnote to this family, in her 1850 Census Doddridge County, (West) Virginia,

Mary Davis Atkinson states that this Richard Dotson (Son of Richard, Sr., first actual settler, 1802/3, in Central District, now Doddridge Co., then part of Wood Co., in 1843 Ritchie Co., in 1845 Doddridge Co., probably Dotson Run), married Margaret White. Living in Doddridge County, 1860; she references the 1860 census, Household No. 766-767; also H H Hardesty, Dodd. Co. Hist, Sketch of son William W. Dotson.

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge Co. p. 112 (766-767) West Union:

Richard Dotson	68	M	Laborer	Pers. prop.	\$25	VA
Margarat	67	F				

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co. p. 16 (116-111):

Dotson Richard	76	MW	Common lab.	VA cannot read or write
Millie (Melissa, dau)	57	FW	At home	VA cannot read or write
Victoria	15	FW		VA

Richard Dotson's name, and Margaret's, appear on the marriage record of their son, Marion in 1856. Richard also appears on the census record of 1860, then again in 1870 for the last time. Presumably he died between 1870 and 1880; he is not in the Doddridge Co. Death Index. His photograph, reproduced from a tin-type, is shown in Chapter XII.

They were the parents of nine known children.

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| 1.- Melissa Dotson, b. 1813 | Chapter VIII-1 |
| 2.- William White Dotson, b. 1815 | VIII-2 |
| 3.- Anna Dotson | VIII-3 |
| 4.- Luthur Dotson, b. 1819 | VIII-4 |
| 5.- John Calvin Dotson, b. 1823 | VIII-5 |
| 6.- Deliah Dotson, b. 1826 | VIII-6 |
| 7.- Drucille Dotson, b. 1829 | VIII-7 |
| 8.- Malvina Dotson, b. 1832 | VIII-8 |
| 9.- Francis Marion Dotson, b. 1835 | VIII-9 |

CHAPTER VIII-1.
MELISSA DOTSON.

Melissa Dotson, b. 27 Nov 1813. No record has been found of a marriage.

From the 1850 census of Doddridge County:

Dotson, Melissa	36	VA
Perlina	12	
John C.	7	
Delia A. (Haseline)	3	
Mary J.	1	

From the 1860 census of Doddridge County, Dwelling 767, fam. 768:

Milly Dotson	46	F	VA
Haseline	13	F	VA
Milly	8	F	VA
Victoria	5	F	VA
Jno C	17	M	VA

Note: This family enumerated one dwelling and family number after that of Milly Dotson's father Richard, Dwl. No. 766 and Fam. No. 767

Melissa was the mother of six children:

1.- Perlina Dotson, b. ca 1838.

In the household of her mother Melissa in the 1850 census.

From the 1860 census of Virginia: Wood Co. p. 549; Dw1 1319 Fam 1324;

Lerry McMullen	40	M	Livery Stable	Per 1800	MD
<i>Perline Dodson</i>	23	F			VA
Kate Dodson	1/2?	F			VA

No other information.

2.- John C. Dotson, b. ca 1843.

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "1 Sept. 1875...John C. Dotson, 32...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd Co... Parents, Melissa Dotson; & Ella Childers, 20...b. Tyler Co...Res. Dodd. Co...parents, Jonathan & Lydia by Sylvester Lowther."

For Ella Childers, see Chap. XVIII, Lydia Dotson (Childers).

From the 1870 census of Ritchie County, 435-408:

John C Dotson	26	VA	Farmer
E J	16	VA	Hskpr
Wm R*	4/12	VA	

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Doddridge Central Dist 5 20 7 25

Dotson J Calvin	W	Oct 1843	56	WV
Ella	W	May 1857	43	WV
Romeo	S	Feb 1878	22	WV
Maggie	D	June 1881	18	WV
Katie	D	Sept 1884	15	WV
Harry	S	Aug 1887	12	WV
Asa	S	Jan 1890	10	WV
Clarence	S	May 1893	7	WV
Raymon	S	Mar 1896	4	WV
Eva	D	Jan 1898	2	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0168

Dotson John C	H W	66	WV WV
Ella S	W	51	WV
Kate	D	25	WV
Harry	S	22	WV
Osa G	S	19	WV
Blanche**	D	16	WV
Raymond	S	12	WV
Eva M	D	11	WV

In the Greenwood Cemetery: "Dotson John C Oct 5 1842 Apr 3 1913. Ella his wife May 26 1858-____"

*William Remus Dotson, m. Mary Lillian "Lillie" Dotson, dau. of Arius Dotson. See Chapter XVI-3 for the Mary Lillian Dotson family.

**This marriage in Wood County: "11 March 1917; Jordan John Howard 22 Wood and Dotson Lula Blanche 21 Wood" Note; this *may* not be the same Blanche, but right age.

From the 1900 census of WV: Doddridge Central Dist 5 20 11 10

Dotson William R W Jan 1870 30 WV

Mary L W Apr 1873 27 WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0026 0203

Dotson William R HW 40 WV WV

Mary S W 37 WV

Mollie E D 09 WV

3.- Delia A. Dotson, b. ca 1847. No information.

4.- Mary J. Dotson, b. ca 1849.

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: “ 23 Nov. 1865...Mary Jane Dotson...age 18... & Owen Davis...age 22.”

From page 71, *Davis The Settlers of Salem W.Va.* “Owen Davis, b. 19 Aug. 1843; d. 27 Aug. 1904; m. 23 Nov. 1865, Mary J. Dotson.” Four children shown on page 71:

a.- John C. Davis, 13 years old.

b.- Minnie Mae Davis, six years old.

c.- Emma Davis, 3 years old.

d.- William Davis, 5 months old.

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 122 006:

Davis, Owen WM 36 Laborer VA VA VA

Mary J WF 31 Wife Keeps house VA VA VA

John C WM 13 Son At home WV VA VA

Robert C WM 11 Son At home WV VA VA

Minnie May WF 6 Dau At home WV VA VA

Emma WF 3 Dau At home WV VA VA

William WM 5/12Son At home WV VA VA

One boarder

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Harrison Ten Mile Dist. Salem Town

Davis Owen W Aug 1843 56 WV

Mary J W Oct 1849 50 WV

Willi S Jan 1880 20 WV

Catherine D July 1885 14 WV

Fanny D Apr 1889 11 WV

Etta J DL Mar 1869 31 WV

Parents of seven children from above census of 1880 and 1900.

5.- Millie Dotson, b. 1850 or 1851

. This marriage in Doddridge County: “29 April 1869...Millie Dotson, 18...single...b. Rit. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Millie Dotson; & Anderson G. Davis, 27...b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Absoleme & Pelina.”

From the 1880 census of Doddridge County, 121 030:

Davis Anderson WM 42 Laborer VA VA VA

Millie WF 22? Wife Housekpr VA VA VA

Jno H WM 10 Son WV VA VA

F J	WM	7	Son	WV VA VA
Birdie	WF	5	Dau	WV VA VA
Lovie	WF	1	Dau	WV VA VA

The following from *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W.Va.* page 128²: "Anderson G. Davis, b. 4th of Aug. 1840; d. 1911; m. 29 March 1869, Millie Dotson (dau. of Millie Dotson of Tyler Co.) This family lived on Arnold Creek in Doddridge County."

Parents of twelve children:

a.- John Davis, m. 7 July 1887, Elizabeth E. Carder.

b.- Ettie Davis died young.

c.- Thomas S. Davis, m. 7 Oct. 1886, Lucy Smith.

d.- Bird Davis, m. 23 June 1893, Chapman Costilow.

e.- Lovie Marie Davis, b. 14 Feb 1879; d. 6 Feb 1961; m. 30 May 1900, James C. McCuen.

f.- Clara Dovie Davis, b. 28 March 1880; d. 21 July 1973; m. 16 May 1900 Charles Claud Davis, b. 8 July 1875; d. 16 July 1964. One known child:

1.- Ruby Davis, b. 27 Feb. 1902; m. 7 Jan. 1922, Frank Williams.

g.- Lelia Davis, d.-1969; m. Mead Fleming.

h.- Bessie Davis, died young.

i.- Nora Davis died 1960 m. William Ross.

j.- Icie Davis died young.

k.- Cora Davis, m. Richard Hall. Lived at Akron, Ohio.

l.- Noah Davis, b. 29 April 1892; d. 10 May 1973; m. (1)Roxie Bland, b. 8 Feb. 1895; d. 14 Oct. 1938. He m. (2) 6 May 1944; Louise Martin Rutherford. (Children: Paul B., Blaine F., Eugene L.)

6. Victoria Dotson b. ca. 1855.

This marriage in Ritchie County; "6 June 1881...James F. Clayton...age 25...b. Ritchie...m. Victoria Dotson...age 24...b. VA....resident Ritchie." No other information.

CHAPTER VIII-2.

WILLIAM WHITE DOTSON.

William White Dotson, b. 19 Oct 1814; d. Dec 9, 1893 (per headstone) He m. Mary Cross, b. May 1820, dau. of Richard and Mary Lake Cross.

In Doddridge Co. Deaths Bk. 3 p. 43, line 21: "Dotson Mary E, white female Dec 24 1885, parents Richard Cross Margaret (Mary) Cross, fever 64y 7m 23d, b Doddridge housewife, consort Wm W Dotson husband"

and Bk. 1 p. 75: "Dotson W W , male Dec 13 1893 place of death Sunny Side (Clay Lick Run, a tributary of Arnold Creek); this man was found dead; buried Summit Duckworth; undertaker W S Jones Central Station WV" Note; discrepancy in place of burial.

Both buried Greenwood Cemetery, with headstone inscribed:

"W W Dotson Oct 19, 1814 Dec 9, 1893. Mary C wf of W W Dotson May 1, 1821 d. Dec 24 1885"

From Hardesty's history of Doddridge County, 1883³: "WILLIAM W. DOTSON... was a son of Richard and Margaret (White) Dotson, who was born, raised and died in what is now Doddridge County, and a grandson of Richard Dotson, the first actual settler in what is now Central District. He was born Oct. 19, 1814 and has passed his life in this county, following the varied avocations of an agricultural life. In Doddridge County he wedded Mary, daughter of Richard and Mary (Lake) Cross, now residents of Taylor County, this state, but at the time of their daughter's birth in May 1820, living in Taylor County (then) Virginia. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dotson; Sophronia, now deceased; Salanthiel; Helen, who lives in Kansas; Jasper; Victoria; William Marshall, lives in Kansas; Josephine; Laverna; Catherine; Cloyd (Floyd); Walter and Laura. The living children, except, Helen and William, reside in West Virginia. The family postoffice address is Central Station, Doddridge County, West Virginia."

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge Co. Dwl 534, Fam 535:

Dotson, William	45	M	Farmer (RE \$200, Pers \$50)	VA
Mary	38	F		VA
Davis, M. F.	2	F		VA
Dotson, H. M. (Helen)	17	F		VA
S. (Salathiel)	20	M		VA
J. A. (Jasper)	15	M		VA
V. (Victoria)	11	F		VA
William M.	9	M		VA
M. J. (Josephine)	7	F		VA
L. F. (Loverna Francis)	5	F		VA
R. C. (Rulana Kate)	3	F		VA

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co.:

Dotson, William W.	54	farmer	VA
Mary	49		VA
Joshephine	16		VA
Loverna F.	14		VA
Rulana C. (Kate)	11		VA
Floyd	9		VA
Walter J.	7		VA
Laura B. (Blanch)	2		WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 1880, 122 020:

Dotson, Wm H (W)	WM	63	Farmer	VA VA VA
Mary A	WF	59	Wife	Keeping house VA VA VA
Francis L.	WF	24	Dau	At home VA VA VA
Kate	WF	22	Dau	At home VA VA VA
Floyd	WM	19	Son	farm laborer VA VA VA
Walter E.	WM	16	Son	farm laborer WV VA VA
Blanch L.	WF	12	Dau	At Home WV VA VA

Parents of twelve children:

1.- Sophrona Dotson. b. ca. 1839. Deceased before 1883. This marriage in Doddridge Co.:
"3 March 1859...Sophrona Dotson, 20...single...b. Dodd. Co... Parents, William & Mary Dotson; & Isaac C. Snider, 24...single... b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents,

John & Sydney.”

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge County, New Milton Twp.161-139

Snider Isaac C	36	MW	Farmer	VA
Sophrona	32	FW	Keeping house	VA
Olive	10	FW		VA
Odell	8	FW		VA
Austin	6	MW		WV
Jasper	4	MW		WV
Isaac	1	MW		WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County, 122 008:

Snider Isaac C (w)	WM 46		VA VA VA
Auston	WM 13	son at home	WV VA VA
Jasper	WM 11	son at home	WV VA VA
Isaac	WM 9	son at home	WV VA VA
Ira	WM 7	son at home	WV VA VA
Levi C	WM 5	son at home	WV VA VA

2.- Salathiel Dotson, b. 15 Dec. 1840, Central Station; d. 9 March 1929.

He m. Anna Caldwell, Columbia, Ohio. She b. 29 May 1844; d. 20 March, 1927. This marriage in Doddridge Co.: “3 Dec. 1863...Salathiel Dotson, 24...single...b. Harrison Co... res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Wm. W. & Mary; & Anna Caldwell, 18... single...b. Columbia Co., Ohio...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Robert and Catherine by George W. Duff.”

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 102 15: “Dotson Salathiel, male, white, widow, died Rutherford Mar 9 1929, age 88y 2m 24d, ret farmer, b WV, parents William Dotson, Mary Cross, no Dr., H H Martin Reg.” and p 102 1: “Dotson Anna, female, white, married, died Harrisville Mar 20 1927, age 82y 8m 1d, Cereb. hem., H H Martin Regis.”

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co., Southwest Dist., West Union PO; Dwl. 3, Fam. 3:

Dotson, Sylathiel	29	M W	Common laborer	VA
Annie	24	F W	Keeping house	OH
Mary C	5	F W		WV
Cora E	3	F W		WV
Curtis G	1/12	M W (June)		WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 123 013:

Dotson, Selathiel	WM 33	works on sawmill	VA VA VA
Annie	WF 34	Wife	Housekeeper OH IR IR
Mary C	WF 15	Dau	Housework WV VA OH
Corra E	WF 13	Dau	Housework WV VA OH
Curtes G	WM10	Son	WV VA OH
William C	WM7	Son	KS VA OH
Ice G	WF 4	Dau	WV VA OH

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0071 0183

Dotson Salathiel	H W	69	WV WV
Annie	W	64	Ohio

Five known children:

a. Mary C Dotson, b. ca. 1865, m. 2 July 1882 Andrew J. Wells.

This marriage in Ritchie Co. "2 July 1882...Andrew J. Wells...age 21...b. Ritchie...m Mary C. Dotson...age 18...b. Ritchie."

b. Cora Ellen Dotson, b. ca. 1867; m. 23 Dec. 1886, Emory G. Hibbs.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "23 Dec. 1886...Emory G. Hibbs...age 20...b. Marion...res. Ritchie...m. Cora Ellen Dotson...b. KS...resident Ritchie."

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0071 0180

Hibbs	Emory G	H W	43	WV	WV
	Cora E		W 42	WV	
	Lawrence		S 21	WV	
	Gladis D		D 18	WV	
	Sarah M		D 15	WV	
	Harry A		S 12	WV	
	Florence M		D 09	WV	
	Myra N		D 05	WV	
	James G		S 02	WV	

c. Curtis G Dotson, b. June 1870

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0071 0182

Dotson	Curtis G		H W	40	WV	WV
	Ida M		W	25	WV	
	Annie F		D	04	WV	
	Dorothy Wilma		D	02	WV	

d. William C Dotson, b. May 1874 Kansas. (Indicates family resided in Kansas for a few years after 1870, and before returning to WV by 1876; relatives resided in Kansas, see Hardesty above)

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Grant Dist 30 87 14 11

Dotson	William C	W	May 1874	26	Kansas
	Bessie	W	June 1871 ?	18	PA

e.- Isa Gertrude Dotson, b. Ritchie Co., WV, 27 Jan 1876; m. 29 Dec 1895, David E. Clark. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "29 Dec. 1895...David E. Clark...age 24...b. Noble Co. OH...resident Ritchie...m. Isa G. Dotson...age 19...b. Ritchie."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Grant Dist. 30 87 10 28

Clark	David E	W	June 1871	28	Ohio
	Isa G	W	June 1876	24	WV
	Fred R	S	Oct 1896	3	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0071 0172

Clark	David E	HW	38	Ohio	WV
	Ica G	W	34	WV	
	Fred R	S	13	WV	
	Mary E	D	07	WV	

Two children:

1.- Fred R Clark, b. Oct 1896.

2.- Mary Clark, b. Ritchie Co., WV, 22 Aug 1902; m. 1928, Benjamin Franklin

Hill, Jr., b. 17 Sept 1901. He was deputy County Clerk, Wood Co., WV, in 1959.

One known child:

1.- Benjamin Franklin Hill III, b. Wood Co., WV, 16 Oct 1930; m. 1954, June Mandus of Chicago, Ill. They have; David James Hill, b. 8 May 1957.

Benjamin Franklin Hill, Sr. (grandfather of Benjamin Franklin Hill III above), m. Myrtle Ann Dotson; dau. of Perry Dotson; Perry, son of Hiram; Hiram, son of Emanuel; Emanuel, son of William, Sr. (See, Chapter V-1)

3.- Helen Dotson, b. ca. 1845

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "15 March 1871 James G. (Garrison) Dotson, 30...single...b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co... Parents, Zachariah & Eliza; & Hellen M. Dotson, 26...single...b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Wm. W & Mary Dotson." Living in Kansas in 1883.

From the 1880 census soundex of Kansas: Cloud Co. Arion Twp 4 39 26 47;

Dotson Garrison	W M 43	VA
Helen	W 36	VA
Dorance	S 8	KS
Early E	S 7/12	KS

For the James G. (Garrison) Dotson family, see Chapter XII-7.

4.- Jasper Dotson. b. May 1845. This marriage in Doddridge County:

"24Dec. 1867...Jasper P. Dotson, 22...single...b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Wm. W. & Mary; & Eliza C. Hutson, 16... single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Evin (Ervin) & Charlotte by George W. Duff."

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 104 19: "Dotson Jasper A, male, white, married, died Petroleum July 14 1935, age 90y 1m 26d, b. WV, parents William Dotson, b. WV, Mary—, angina pectoris, Odie Jones Regis." and from p. 106 14, "Dotson Eliza Caroline, female, white, widow, died Petroleum Jan 23 1940, age 88y 3m 22d, housewife, b. WV, parents John Huston,—, carcinoma of stomach, Georgia Sandy Regist."

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 124 027:

Dotson, Jasper E	WM	35		Wks on sawmill	WV WV WV
(Eliza) Caroline	WF	37	Wife	Keeping house	WV WV WV
Annie	WF	12	Dau		WV WV WV
Mona	WF	10	Dau		WV WV WV
Floyd (Lloyd)	WM	7	Son		WV WV WV
Helen	WF	6	Dau		WV WV WV
Guy	WM	5	Son		WV WV WV
Missouri	WF	2	Dau		WV WV WV
Amy	WF	1	Dau		WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Grant Dist 30 88 21 10:

Dotson Jasper A	W	May 1845	55	WV
Eliza C	W	Oct 1851	48	WV
Guy	S	Sept 1874	25	WV
Gracie	D	Apr 1884	16	WV
Bertha	D	Nov 1887	12	WV

Walter E	S	May 1892	8	WV
From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0070 0143				
Dotson Jasper A	H W	64	WV WV	
Eliza C	W	54	WV	
Bertha	D	22	WV	
Walter E	S	17	WV	

Parents of ten known children:

a. Annie Dotson, b. ca. 1868; m. Samuel A. Moats. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "16 Sept. 1889...Samuel A Moats...widow...age 28...b. Ritchie...m. Annie C. Dotson...age 20...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie."

b. Mona Dotson, b. ca. 1870; m. Boyd M. Williams. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "29 Dec. 1892...Boyd M. Williams...age 22...b. Upshur...resident Ritchie...m. Mona G. Dotson...age 22...b. Doddridge...res. Ritchie."

c. Lloyd Dotson, b. ca. 1872

From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 110 17: "Dotson Lloyd, Petroleum rfd, male, white, widow, died Dec 19 1953, age 83y 9m 11d, farmer, b. Rit .Co, parents Jasper A Dotson Elsia Dotson; aortic regurg., Nelle Cannon Regis."

From 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 007- 0144

Dotson Lloyd K	H W	38	WV WV
Maude	W	23	WV

d. Helen Dotson, b. ca. 1874

No information

e. Guy Dotson, b. Sept. 1874

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "29 Sept. 1912...Guy P. Dotson...age 34...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie...m. Winnie Dotson...age 17...b. Ritchie."

f. Missouri Dotson, b. ca. 1878

No information

g. Amy Dotson, b. ca. 1879

No information

h. Grace Dotson, b. April 1884

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "2 Sept. 1906...George W. Moore...age 21...b. Tyler...m. Grace Dotson...age 22...b. Ritchie."

i. Bertha Dotson, b. Nov. 1887; m. Levi M. Webb

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "18 Aug. 1912...Levi M. Webb...age 28...b. Ritchie...m. Bertha Dotson...age 24...b. Ritchie."

j. Walter Dotson, b. May 1892; m. Mollie M. McClaskey;

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "2 Nov. 1914...Walter I. Dotson...age 22...b. Ritchie...m. Mollie M. McClaskey...age 18...b. Ritchie."

5.- Victoria Dotson, b. 30 March 1848; d. 1 Sept. 1932

This m. In Doddridge Co.: " 24 Dec. 1867...Victoria Dotson, 18...single...born Taylor Co....res.Dodd. Co...Parents, William W. & Mary Dotson; & Alvin M. Davis, 25...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co... Parents, William & Martha."

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 120 009:

Davis	Alven M	WM	37	Farmer	VA VA VA
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Victoria	WF	32	Wife	Keeping house	WV WV WV
Jetty G	WF	10	Dau		WV WV WV
Gladie O	WF	8	Dau		WV WV WV
Mary I	WF	6	Dau		WV WV WV

From *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W.Va.* pages 89 and 148⁴: “Alvin Marcellus Davis, b. 3 Dec. 1842, Dodd. Co.; d. 3 Jan. 1908, Salem, W.Va.; m. 1 Jan. 1868, Victoria Gay Dotson, b. 30 March 1848 Taylor Co., W.Va.; d. 1 Sept. 1932, buried IOOF Cemetery, Salem, (dau. Wm. W. & Mary Dotson).” Parents of 3 children:

a.- Jettie Gay Davis, b. 15 Sept 1869, Doddridge Co.; m. Waitman T. Carder

They had nine children:

- 1.- William Davis
- 2.- Frances Beatrice Davis
- 3.- Elizabeth Ruth Davis
- 4.- Beulah Mary Davis
- 5.- Maud Murreil Davis
- 6.- James Bryan Davis
- 7.- Gladys Naomi Davis
- 8.- Waitman Lawson Davis
- 9.- Paul Walter Davis

For more on these children see page 148, *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W.Va.*⁵

b.- Gladiolus Davis, b. 30 Aug 1871, m. Scott Divers.

c.- Mary Imogene Davis, b. 2 March 1874, m. 8 March 1896, Mingo Davis.

6.- William Marshall Dotson, b. Dec. 1850; m. Mary Garlow. This family resided in Kansas in 1883.

From the 1880 census soundex of Kansas: Cloud Co. Arion Twp

Dotson	William	W M	29	WV
	Mary J	W	22	WV
	Curtis G	S	10/12	KS

From the 1900 census soundex of Kansas; Cloud Co Vol 10 ED15 SH 12 li. 57

Dotson William	M W	Dec 1850	49	WV
Mary J	W	May 1858	42	WV
Curtis G	S	July 1874?	20	KS
Goldie	D	Dec 1886	13	KS
Manuel	S	Jan 1889	11	KS
Essie	D	Dec 1891	8	KS
Lena	D	Nov 1898	1	KS

From the 1910 census soundex of Kansas; Cloud Co. 013 0017 0098:

Dotson W	HW	59	WV	Kans.
J J (Mary J)	W	51	WV	
Manuel	S	21	KS	
Essa	D	18	KS	
Lena	D	11	KS	

Parents of six children:

a.- Curtis G. Dotson, b. 1879 m. Mable Croson. Four children:

1.- Gilbert Dotson, m. ____ ____ . One child:

(1) Ronnie Dotson.

2.- Opal Dotson.

3.- Perle Dotson.

4.- Dale Dotson.

b.- Goldie Dotson, b. Dec 1886. m. Nelson Vass. Four children:

1.- Duane Vass.

2.- Wayne Vass.

3.- Lynn Vass.

4.- Rex Vass, m. ____ ____ . Three children:

(1) Larry Vass.

(2) Lonnie Vass.

(3) Lynn Vass.

c.- Manuel Dotson, b. Jan 1889; d. 14 Dec. 1934; m. at Jamestown, KS., Esther Clemons. She b. 13 April 1892. Five children:

1.- Orland Dotson, m. Dorothy Byrne. Two children:

(1) Janet Dotson, m. Dan Goodman. They have; Carol Goodman.

(2) Leona Dotson, m. Phil Mann. They have; Duane Mann and Ronnie Mann.

2.- Delmer Dotson, m. Ruby Champlin. Nine children:

(1) Gerald Dotson, m. Jeanne Cady and have; Randy Dotson; Mary Dotson, m. Dana Ristow; David Dotson; Cathy Dotson; Cary Dotson; and James Dotson.

(1) Gerald Dotson, m (2) Joanne P. Borlang and have; Shelly R. Dotson and Diana Dotson.

(2) Donald Dotson, m. Mary Ellen Carpenter and have; Bryan Dotson; Curt Dotson; and Grant Dotson.

(3) Sharon K. Dotson, m. Royal Heemier. They have; Kevin Heemier and Cathy Heemier.

(4) Beverley Dotson, m. Thomas Cady. They have; Kimberley Cady; Michael Cady; Karen Cady; and Lisa Cady.

(5) William R. "Bill" Dotson. Single.

(6) Jacquelin L. Dotson, m. Gary Parsons. They have; Debra Parsons; Denise Parsons; and DeAnn Parsons.

(7) Prudence A. Dotson, m. Sam Rugg. They have; Vicky Rugg; and Brett Rugg.

(8) Cheryl Dotson. Single.

(9) Marsha Dotson. Single.

3.- LeRoy Dotson, m. Bernise Augmeir. One child:

(1) Nikkie Dotson, m. Larry Marley.

4.- Evelyn Dotson, m(1) George Shumock. Four children:

(1) Connie Shumock, m. and had four children.

(2) Mary Shumack, m. and had two children.

(3) George Shumack, m. ____ Trode and had four children.

(4) Jessie Shumack, m. Joe Spect.

4.- Evelyn Dotson, m (2) Dean Simpson.

5.- Eldon Dotson, m. Virginia Teasley. One child:

(1) Sandre Dotson, m. (1) Wayne Newton and have; James Newton; David Newton; and Sonya Newton.

(1) Sandre Dotson, m. (2) Dr. Keith Vowles.

d.- Eddie Dotson. (not shown in 1900 or 1910 census-may have died young)

e.- Essie Dotson. b. Dec 1891

f.- Lena Dotson. b. Nov 1898

7.- Josephine Dotson. b. 1853-54. No information.

8.- Lavernia Dotson. This marriage in Doddridge County: "11 Oct. 1874...Levina J. Dotson, 22 & Gamble B. Davis, 28." She was his 2nd wife. She d. before 1880.

From, *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W.Va.*, page 56: "Gamble B. Davis, b. 28 April 1846, m. (1) 29 July 1867, Nancy J. Thomas; m. (2) 11 Oct. 1874, Levina J. Dotson. They were in Central District, Dodd. Co. 1880, with Josephine, 25; dau's., Letha, age 10 and Atha, age 9."

From the dates, the two children belonged to wife No. 1. No other information.

9.- Catherine Dotson. b. ca. 1858.; in father's house-hold (R. C.) age 3 in 1860, (Rulana C.) 11 in 1870 and (Kate) 22 in 1880.

This death in Doddridge Co. Deaths, Bk 2 p. 34.; "Dotson Kate, female d. June 18 1912; Blood poison age, 29y --, Single; C S Pease Undertaker". Note; discrepancy in age.

10.- Floyd Dotson. b. ca. 1861.; in father's house-hold age 9 in 1870 and age 19 in 1880 census. No further information.

11.- Walter Dotson, b. 1867; d. 20 Feb 1932. He m(1) Miss Nancy Hibbs. From Lowther, *Ritchie County in History and Romance*,⁶ 1990, p. 373, "Eleanor Lough, daughter of Robert Lough, was married to Jacob Hibbs, of Marion County;....other members of the family were:...Nancy, Mrs. Walter Dotson..... "

He was overcome by gas fumes while sleeping. Funeral services were held 22 Feb 1932 at the Goose Creek Baptist Church and burial in the church cemetery. (Not in Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970)

From Ritchie Co. Marriages; "5 Sept 1886...Walter I Dotson...age 23...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie...m. Nancy Hibbs...age 21...b. Marion...resident Ritchie."

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0070 0131:

Dotson Walter I	HW46	WV WV
Attie	W 40	WV
Floyd	S 20	WV
Lula	D 14	WV
Vada	D 12	WV
Thelma	D 07	WV
Clause (Claude)	S 015?	WV
Enid	D 04	WV
Addie	D nr	WV

Five children:

a.- Mrs. J. L. Smith.

b.- Mrs. R. D. Morehouse.

- c.- Floyd Dotson.
- d.- Mrs. Emmett Tucker.
- e.- Mrs. J. H. Jordon.

11.- Walter Irvin Dotson, m (2) Miss Attie Davis. Four children:

- f.- Mrs. Nolan Sargeant.
- g.- Mrs. C. C. Adams.
- h.- Mrs. H. L. Tippens.
- i.- Claude Dotson.

12.- Launa Dotson. b. 18 May 1868; in father's house-hold (Laura B) age 2 in 1870 census, and (Blanch L) age 12 in 1880; married William Edward Dotson, son of Marten Luther Dotson and Mattie Smith; grandson of Luther Dotson and Nancy Reed, g. grandson of Richard Dotson, Jr. and Margaret White.

From Index to Marriages, Doddridge County; Bk. 3, p. 479; "Dotson, William E., Feb. 8, 1890, m. Launa Blanche Dotson" Ed and Launa Dotson lived on Long Run of Pleasants County.

Parents of eleven children, plus two died at birth. For this family see Chapter VIII-4.

CHAPTER VIII-3.
ANNA DOTSON.

Anna Dotson, b. 12 April 1817. She m. James Goodwin, 8 Feb. 1848. This marriage in Doddridge County: "8 Feb. 1848...Ann Dotson & James Goodwin."

In her addendum to the 1850 census of Doddridge County, Mary Davis Atkinson notes (38-7) that James Goodwin m. (2) Ann Dotson, 8 February 1848, in Doddridge County, WV, Ref. Book I, page 10.

They were living in 1850 in Doddridge County, in the vicinity of the head of Cabin Run.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County (Fam. No. 38):

James Goodwin	38	M W	Laborer	VA
Ann (Dotson)	29	FW		VA
Angeline	12	FW		VA
Rulany	10	FW		VA
Richard	8	MW		VA
Margaret W	5	FW		VA
Edward M	4	MW		VA
Elizabeth M	3	FW		VA
Mary E	3	FW		VA
James W	9/12	MW		VA

Note: only James W. born after their marriage in 1848; older children presumed to be from his previous marriage.

From the 1860 Census of WV; Doddridge County West Union PO; Dwl 896 Fam 897

Ann Goodwin	40	F	VA
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Families on either side were: Dwl 895 Fam 896 John Maxwell 32, and Dwl 897 Fam 898 Jacob Benninger 31. (Jacob Benninger resided on Wilhelm Run about midway between Duckworth and Central Station.)

Parents of eight children (Note; only John W. born after their marriage 8 Feb 1848):

1.- Angeline Goodwin, b. 1838; m. David M. Bonnell. See page 87, *History of Doddridge County*, 1979.⁷ One known son:

a.- Jonathan (John) Bonnell, m. Mary Catherine Jones. Mary Catherine Jones is a granddaughter of Elizabeth Collins and James Jones. For this family, see page 9 *Jacob Collins Sr. & Phebe Stuthart*.⁸ Their son:

1.- Lewis Russell Bonnell, m. Helen Victoria Gain Feb 20, 1924 in Doddridge Co. Helen Victoria Gain b. Oct 18, 1906 in Ritchie Co., WV. died Sept 26, 1972 in Clarksburg, WV.; she a dau. of George Jefferson Gain and Mary Jane Collins. For this family, see *Descendants of Adam J. and Susan Fleming Gain*.⁹

Lewis Russell Bonnell and Helen Victoria Gain had two daughters:

(1) Mrs. Helen Pauline (Paula) Bonnell Sacco, 4864 Rolling Hills Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

(2) Mrs. Mary Madeline Bonnell Willis, Librarian, Doddridge County Library, West Union, WV. More information will be found in the Jacob Collins history, reference above.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. No information. Mrs. Chandos Hickman, Rural Route, Pennsboro, W.Va. is a descendant of one of these children.

CHAPTER VIII-4.

LUTHUR DOTSON.

Luthur Dotson, b. 23 December 1819, m. Nancy C. Reed. He was a carpenter. Nancy Reed b 1818 in Tyler Co; d. 1852.

This marriage in Tyler County: "31 Dec 1840...Luthur Dotson and Nancy Reed by George Monroe."

Much of the following information on the Luther Dotson family, and photograph, were generously furnished by Armour Lee and Emolene Lynch of Coolville, Ohio, Armour Lee being a direct descendant.

From the 1850 census of VA; Wood County:

Luthur Dotson (laborer)	31	VA
Nancy	32	
Marion	8	
Marten (Luther)	6	
Margaret	3	
William (M)	1	

Two children born after 1850:

Eliza Jane Dotson, b. 1851.

Sarah F. Dotson, b. 1852.

This family in 1852 were living on the St. Mary's Ridge in the vicinity of the old Church of Christ Cemetery.

These graves in the Church of Christ Cemetery: "NANCY DOTSON, died 1852.

ELIZA JANE DOTSON, 1851-1852. SARAH F. DOTSON, 1852-(1852)."

1.- Marion Dotson. b. 1833 (Dec 1844 from 1900 census) d. 1900. m. Sarah Barker.

This marriage in Pleasants County; "7 June 1866...Marion D. Dotson...age 23...m. Sarah Barker...age 20."

From the 1870 census of WV; Pleasants Co. McKimm Twp Union Mills PO, p. 482 Dwl 38 Fam 38:

Dodson Marion	33	MW	Farm Hand	Per. \$25	VA
Sarah	30	FW			VA
William (Commodore)*	12(2)	MW			VA
John**	1	MW			VA

From the 1880 census of WV; Pleasants Co.:

Dotson Marion	WM	35		Cooper	WV	WV	VA
Sarah E	WF	31	Wife	Keeping hse.	WV	WV	VA
William C J	WM	13	Son	At home	WV	WV	WV
John W	WM	10	Son	At home	WV	WV	WV
Mary C	WF	8	Dau		WV	WV	WV
Rosanna T	WF	6	Dau		WV	WV	WV
Minnie G	WF	3	Dau		WV	WV	WV
Barker Lucinda (w)	WF	59	Mil		WV	WV	WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Pleasants Washington Dist 26 71 4 60

Dotson Marion D	W	Dec 1844	55	WV
Sarah E	W	Oct 1847	52	WV
James L	S	June 1882	17	WV
Bonnie E	D	Oct 1885	14	WV
Kate	D	Mar 1888	12	WV
John W**	S	Sept 1869	30	WV
Raymond	GS	Feb 1892	8	WV
Harry G	GS	June 1893	6	WV
Lena D	Gd	Feb 1896	4	WV
Barker Lucinda	MI	April 1821	79	WV
Howell, Phoebe	Se	May 1882	18	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Pleasants St Marys 036 0065 0197

Dotson Sarah	H W	62	WV	WV
James	S	28	WV	
Bonnie	D	24	WV	
Kate	D	21	WV	

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Pleasants 036 0064 0033

**Dotson John W	H W	40	WV	WV
Delia	W	28	WV	
Harry	S	16	WV	
Lenna	D	14	WV	
Garnet	D	07	WV	
Commodore	S	05	WV	

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Pleasants 036 0065 0010

Dotson W C *	H W	41	WV	WV
Fannie	W	41	WV	

Beryl	S	20	WV
Glenna	D	18	WV
Toye	D	16	WV
William	S	13	WV
Eva	D	10	WV

*William Commodore Dotson.

The following taken from *West Virginia in History, Life, Literature and Industry*,¹⁰ by Morris Purdy Shawkey, 1928:

“WILLIAM C. DOTSON, whose family has lived in Pleasants County and vicinity since the earliest pioneer days, is a banker and business man, being president of the First National Bank of St. Mary’s. He has also been a successful oil operator, and at all times has been a leader in the substantial developments of the community.

Mr. Dotson’s Great-Grandfather, Richard Dotson, settled six miles north of the present town of St. Marys in 1800. He was not only one of the early settlers of this section but part in all subsequent developments there. Richard Dotson subsequently removed to the adjoining county of Doddridge. He reached the remarkable age of a hundred years (Note...95 or 96). His son, Luthur Dotson, was born in Doddridge County, and followed the trade of carpenter. In later years he moved to Pleasants County. His wife was Nancy C. Reed...Their son, Marion D. Dotson was b. in Pleasants Co. in 1843, became a cooper and followed that business at St. Mary’s for many years. He d. in 1900. His wife, Sarah (Barker) Dotson, is still living at St. Mary’s.

(Note...He missed one in his line of descent. The line of descent is; Richard Dotson, Sr.; Richard Dotson, Jr.; Luthur Dotson; Marion D. Dotson; and the dictator of the above, William C. Dotson.)

William C. Dotson, one of a family of eight children, was born in Pleasants Co., June 2, 1867, and from early childhood has lived at St. Mary’s. He attended country schools, learned telegraphy and was an operator with the Baltimore & Ohio and other roads for ten years. He was elected Clerk of the County Court and held that office for 12 years. While serving as Clerk he became financially interested in the formation of a new bank at St. Mary’s and became a director at the organization of the First National Bank. This bank was organized in 1899. Its first President, John F. Barron, was succeeded in a couple of months by John F. Mallory, who continued for two years. The first cashier was H. B. McGregor. Mr. Dotson in 1900 was elected Vice-President and a year later he succeeded Mr. Mallory as President and has filled that position now for a quarter of a century. The bank was started with a capital of \$50,000.00. This has been a bank that has steadily made profits for its stockholders as well as keeping its funds in use and service to supply the business needs of the community. From its earnings the capital was increased to \$100,000.00 and its account of surplus and profits of over \$140,000.00 also represents some of the earnings. The bank has deposits of over a million dollars and its total resources are approximately \$1,600,000.00. The bank is a member of the Federal Reserve system.

Mr. Dotson has been very successful as an individual business man. He has shown much vision and constructive leadership, and a number of years ago he became engaged in oil development and has benefitted a great deal from that important natural resource of Pleasants County. Mr. Dotson is a York Rite and thirty second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner.

He married Miss Fanny Olive Houser, daughter of David and Martha J. (Cooper) Houser. The Cooper family came from Johnstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Dotson have five children; Beril A., assistant cashier of the First National Bank; Mrs. Glenna Olive Tripplett; Mrs. Foye Marie West; William Commodore Jr., bookkeeper of the First National Bank; and Mrs. Eva Cather."

2.- Martin Luthur Dotson. b. July 1845 (1841)

This marriage in Pleasants County: "23 June 1865...Martin S. Dotson...age 21...m. Martha Smith...age 17."

From the 1870 census of WV; Pleasants Co Union Twp Bens Run PO p. 486 Dwl 34 Fam 34

Dodson M L	26	MW	RE \$50 Pers \$30	VA
Martha	22	FW		VA
Nancy	4	FW		VA
William (Edward)1		MW		VA

From the 1880 census of WV; Pleasants Co:

Dotson Martin L	WM	34	Cooper	WV WV WV
Martha A	WF	30 Wife	Kps. hse	WV PA WV
Nancy R	WF	14 Dau	At home	WV WV WV
William E	WM	11 Son	At home	WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Pleasants Co Washington Dist 26 71 2 51

Dotson Martin L		July 1845	54	WV
Martha E	W	May 1850	50	WV
Mahaney Manuel	Bo	May 1883	27	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Pleasants St. Marys 036 0065 0101

Dotson Martin	H W	64	WV WV
Martha	W	59	WV
Ercell	GD	19	WV

Martin Luther and Martha Smith Dotson were parents of two known children:

a. Nancy Dotson, b. ca. 1866, m. Zed Pethtel

b. William Edward Dotson, b. Feb 9, 1869, m. Launa Blanch Dotson; she b. May 18, 1869, dau. of William White Dotson. William White Dotson (see Chap VIII-2) son of Richard Dotson, Jr.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Pleasants Co. Washington Dist 26 71 1 68:

Dotson Edward W	W	Feb 1869	31	WV
Launa B	W	May 1869	31	WV
Carmen E	D	Feb 1891	9	WV
Floyd L	S	Mar 1895	5	WV
William Z	S	Sept 1897	2	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Pleasants 036 0064 0134

Dotson William E	H W	41	WV WV
Launa B	W	40	WV
Carman E	D	19	WV
Mary E	D	17	WV
Floyd L	S	15	WV

William J	S	12	WV
Andra B	D	09	WV
Earl E	S	06	WV
Elgar G	S	03	WV
Mathew L	S	nr	WV

This family lived on Long Run of Pleasants County.

Parents of eleven children, two of whom died shortly after birth:

- a. Carmen Ercell b. 25 Feb 1891, d. 1977, m. O'Grady Hammett
- b. Mary Elma Jane, b. 19 May 1892, m. Mose Williams; Mary Elma worked for telephone company at St Marys for 32 years and was "Hello Central"
- c. Floyd Luther, b. 18 Mar 1895, m. (1) Hattie Morrell, m. (2) Nancy O'Brien
- d. William Zedock, b. 14 Sept 1897, m. Beulah Grace Hays
- e. Joy L. b. 11 Apr 1900, died in infancy
- f. Audrey Blanch, b. 18 Mar 1901, d. 12 Feb 1973, m. Hobart L. Smith
- g. Earl, b. 21 Mar 1904, d. 1947, m. Helen Bruce
- h. Elgar G. , b. 20 Dec 1907, m. (1) Daisey Carter, m. (2) Floris Bowers
- i. Mathew L., b. 12 July 1909, m. Vorla Bowers
- j. Umber Eugene, b. 1 Mar 1912, m. Audrey Butler of Big Run

3.- Margaret Dotson, b. ca. 1846, m. Franklin P. Barker.

This marriage in Pleasants County: "9 Dec 1866...Franklin P. Barker...age 28...m. Margaret A. Dotson...age 20." No further information.

4.- William Miner Dotson, b. Oct 14, 1850 (b. ca. 1849 from age 1 in the 1850 census of his father Luther Dotson), d. 19 Feb 1928; a cooper by trade; m. Elizabeth Poole 15 Apr 1873, dau of Richard Poole and Sarah Hackathorn, of Newport, OH; she born 13 April 1855, died 21 April 1918, Waverly WV.

Parents of eleven children:

- a. Bertha, b. 1876, d. 1930; m William Munsee 21 June 1898.
- b. Richard Oak, b. 1879; m. Addie Roach 2 May 1901.
- c. Ada, b. 1889 Wood Co., d. 23 Jan 190_. m. Charles Galbraith 23 Jan 1908.
- d. Annie, b. 1872 Wood Co; m. William Cain 20 Nov 1895.
- e. Mae D., b. 1884 Wood Co., d. 1926; m. a Sleeth
- f. Lillian, b. 1881, d. 1969; m. (1) Guy Huggins 22 Jan 1915; m. (2) Ray Wolfe
- g. Okie, b. 1893, m. Audrie Cleavinger 8 June 1913.
- h. Launa, b. 25 Sept 1890 Waverly WV, d. 10 July 1990 Athens Co. OH; m. William Pearl Lynch 1908; he b. 17 Feb 1886 Wood Co, d. 15 Oct 1949, son of James Milton Lynch and Sarah Jane Alton.

Parents of eight children:

1. Aunieka, b. 3 Oct 1908 Waverly Wood Co. WV, m. John Rowles; no issue
2. Geneivev, b. 5 Feb 1911, m. (1) David Booth, m (2) John Whitaker; no issue
3. Chalmer Crooks, b. 9 Apr 1914, m. (1) Genevia Frazer, parents of one son Micheal P.; m. (2) Mildred Hindriks, parents of one son Douglas and one daughter Linda
4. Glendora, b. 11 Nov 1916, m. (1) Ronald Knotts, had one daughter Joan; m. (2) Robert McAttee had one daughter Shelia.

5. Charles Eugene,
b. 31 Dec 1922, m. (1) Pearl
m. (2) Alberla

6 . W i l l i a m
Desmon, b. 8 May 1920, m.
Virginia Mickens; had one
son James.

7. Armour Lee, b.
2 June 1928, m. Emolene
Weaver 30 Sept 1949; she b.
13 Dec 1932 at Perkins
Gilmer Co WV; dau of
Carrell Honest Weaver and
Gracie Magdalene Kerns.
Parents of four children:

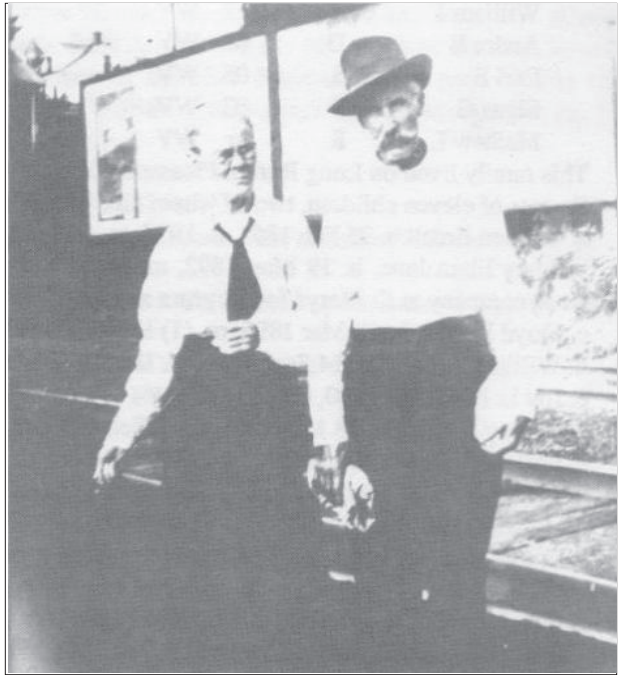
(1) Donald
Eugene, b. 29 Jan 1951
Pontiac, Oakland Co. MI,
m. Linda Kay Griffin 4 Sept
1970; she b. 4 Jan 1951. They
have David b. 20 Aug 1971
and Bryan b. 7 Feb 1975.

(2) Donna
Jean, b. 24 Nov 1952, d.
1955.

(3) Brenda Gale, b. 12 Apr 1955, m. Heamon Baxter Hart, 8 June 1973; he
b 14 Apr. 1953. They have Tracy Marie, b. 28 Oct 1976 and Timothy James b. 7 Jan 1981.

(4) Karen Lee, b. 5 Apr 1959, Waverly Wood Co. WV.

8. Robert Edward, b. 24 Oct 1933, m. Marlene ?; they had Carrie G.
i. William Edward b. 1898, d. 1969, m. Mattie Sinclair 1 June 1909
j. Ralph, b. 1 Nov 1895, d. 2 Mar 1970
k. Blanch



William Miner and Elizabeth Poole Dotson
Photo courtesy Armour Lee and Emolene Lynch

5.- Eliza Jane Dotson, b. 1851. d. 1852 (headstone)

6.- Sarah F. Dotson, b. 1852. d. 1852 (headstone)

CHAPTER VIII-5

JOHN CALVIN DOTSON.

John Calvin Dotson, b. 14 Dec.1823. He m. ca 1847, Mary Nancy Gatrell, 21. She b.
30 Sept 1832; d. 4 Feb 1903.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County, Fam. No. 57:

Dotson, Calvin 26 farmer VA

Nancy 18

Victoria 1

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge County, Dwl. 348, Fam. 349:

Calvin Dotson 37 M Grocer VA

Nancy 31 F VA

Victoria 10 F VA

Ducket L 7 M VA

Calvin 3 M VA

Draper 5 M VA

Frederick 8/12M VA

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge County, West Union borough, Dwl. 137, Fam. 130:

Dotson, Calvin 46 MW Com. lab. RE \$600, Pers. \$20 VA

Nancy 38 FW Kp. house VA

Duckit 19 MW Com. lab. VA

Draper 16 MW VA

John C 13 MW VA

Frederick R 10 MW VA

Franklin 3 MW WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge, 121 006:

Dotson, Calvin WM 56 Farmer VA VA VA

Nancy WF 48 Wife Housekeeper VA VA VA

Fred WM 20 Son at home VA VA VA

Frank WM 13 Son at home WV VA VA

Lloyd WM 9 Son WV VA VA

Richard WM 4 Son WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Dodd West Union Dist 5 27 8 51

Dotson Nancy W Aug 1831 68 WV Living alone

In Doddridge Co. Deaths Vol. 1, p. 146: "Dotson, Nancy female Feb 4, 1903; age 71y 5m 5d widow; life res. of state; place of death West Union WV; bur. West Union; undertaker C S Pease West Union" Parents of eight known children:

1.- Victoria Dotson, b. 18 June 1848; d. 4 Sept 1957. She m. John A. Smith.

This marriage in Doddridge County: "14 June 1866...Victoria Dotson & John A. Smith by Calvin H. Laken." She was 18 and he was 23. John A. Smith, b. 2 Dec 1842; d. 23 April 1913.

Both buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery, West Union, W.Va.

[Note; this Victoria Dotson not to be confused with another Victoria Dotson, dau. of Wm. W. & Mary Cross Dotson, Chapter VIII-2].

Parents of eleven children:

a.-Thomas D. Smith, b. 23 Dec 1867; m. Lenora Dotson, 27 July 188 by George McGill. (Lenora Dotson, dau. of Francis Marion Dotson, child No. 5, Chapter VIII-9). Two children:

1.- Henry C. Smith, b. 1896. Has four children.

2.- Infant Smith, b. 20 Nov 1889; d. 21 Nov 1889.

b.- Robert Lee Smith, b. 21 Oct 1869; d. 23 Dec 1932. He m. Dochia Delila Lawson of Wood County. Five children:

- 1.- Dessie Smith, b. 1905
- 2.- Lewyer Smith, b. 1908
- 3.- Pearl Smith, b. 1910; m. _____ Holtz. Four children
- 4.- Olga Smith, b. 1919
- 5.- Christina Louise Smith, b. 1923; m. _____ Money. Three children

c.- John Calvin Smith, b. & d. 5 July 1872

d.- Draper C. Smith, b. 25 July 1873; m. Mandia (Maud) Congrove, b. Aug 1878, Jackson Co. Two children:

- 1.- Male Infant, b. 6 July 1894
- 2.- Keith Smith, b. 20 April 1901.

e.- Mary Nancy Smith, b. 1 June 1876; m. _____ Costilow.

f.- Fredrick Howard Smith, b. 26 June 1879. He, age 21, m. Maud Ramsey, age 19; 4 July 1900 by F. N. Boyd.

g.- Floyd Nelson Smith, b. 28 March 1882; d. 7 Feb 1942. He m. Martha Alice Bee, 1 March 1900 by Riley G. Davis. Martha b. 7 Oct 1875. Six children:

- 1.- Tessa Ruby Smith, b. 7 March 1901
- 2.- Eldridge Cody Smith, b. 21 Nov 1903
- 3.- Willa Leota Smith, b. 6 Feb 1905
- 4.- Infant Smith, b. 7 May 1906. Deceased
- 5.- Infant Smith, b. 7 March 1911. Deceased
- 6.- Mary Virginia Smith, b. 11 Aug 1913

h.- William Henry Smith, b. 7 July 1884; m. Mary Etta Day, Feb 1911 by N. E. Duckworth. She b. 20 May 1885. Seven children:

- 1.- Neva Ruth Smith, b. 12 Jan 1912
- 2.- Kenneth Day Smith, b. 30 July 1914
- 3.- Noca June Smith, b. 15 Feb 1917
- 4.- William Henry Smith, b. 24 July 1918
- 5.- Victoria Lee Smith, b. 24 May 1921.
- 6.- Juretha V. Smith, b. 19 Nov 1924.
- 7.- Pearl Leone Smith, b. 6 Aug 1913

i.- Samuel L. Smith, b. 19 Aug 1886; d. 23 June 1887. Measles.

j.- Clifford P. Smith, b. 5 May 1888; d. 3 May 1942. He m. Sally Martin, b. 11 Dec 1886; d. 6 Nov 1971. She dau. of George W. and Emily Smith Martin. Nine children:

- 1.- Howard Ralph Smith, b. 9 April 1910
- 2.- Clyde Paul Smith, b. 13 Nov 1911
- 3.- Flora Smith, b. 27 Sept 1913
- 4.- Lulu Smith, b. 31 Aug 1915
- 5.- Charles Harry Smith, b. Oct _____.
- 6.- Edward Smith, b. 27 July 1921
- 7.- Mable Smith, b. 26 April 1925
- 8.- Mildred Smith
- 9.- Mona Morea Smith

k.- LucyMinie Smith, b. 22 Aug 1890; m. Barney Bond of Tyler Co. by N. E. Duckworth. (Barney Bond, son of Squire Bond; see Chapter V-11 Eliza Margaret Dotson)

2.- Ducket L. Dotson, b. 1851.

This marriage in Doddridge County: "14 May 1871...Ducket L. Dotson, 20...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Calvin & Nancy; & Harriett Ann Russell, 17...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Joseph Smith & Eliza Bond by J. M. Harshbarger."

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 121 029:

Dotson, D L	WM	29		Blacksmith	VA VA VA
H A	WF	25		Housekeeper	VA VA VA
Nancy	WF	8	Dau		WV VA VA
Eliza	WF	4	Dau		WV VA VA
Calvin	WM	11/12	Son		WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Doddridge West Union Dist 5 27 18 31

Dotson Dick L	W	Nov 1851	48	WV
Harrieh? A	W	Apr 1854	46	WV
Lyde	D	Mar 1876	24	WV
Bessie	D	Oct 1885	14	WV
Claude	S	Aug 1889	10	WV
Cleva	D	Nov 1892	7	WV
Preston D	S	Mar 1895	6	WV

From the Doddridge Co. Death Index, Vol. 3, p. 24: "Dotson, Howard, male, May 9, 1875; parents Hattie Dotson, Ducket L Dotson."

From the Doddridge Co. Death Index, Vol. 3, p. 36: "Dotson, Magie, female Feb. 17 1882; parents Harriett Dotson, Ducket Dotson."

3.- Draper C. Dotson, b. 25 Sept 1853. d. Aug 16, 1934.

From the Doddridge Co. Death Index Vol. 4, p. 44: "Dotson Draper C., male, Aug 16, 1934; parents Nancy Gatrill, Calvin Dotson."

Draper Dotson m. (1) Columbia A Metz; First marriage in Doddridge County: "24 Nov. 1874...Draper Dotson, 21...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Calvin & Nancy; & Columbia A. Metz, 19...single... b. Harrison Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Henry & Ruth by W. E. Powell." He was 21 at the time of this first marriage. He shortly lost his wife and small child.

From the Doddridge Co. Death Index, Vol. 3, p. 26: "Dotson, Columbia, female, July 13, 1876; parents Henry Metz." and from p. 30: "Dotson, S. V., female, Mar 3 1878; parents Draper Dotson".

Draper Dotson m. (2) Mary Frances Davis; second marriage in Doddridge County: "28 (4) Jan 1877...Draper Dotson, 23...widowed...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...parents, Calvin & Nancy; & Mary F. Davis, 18...single... b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Xacharias & Huldah by J. M. Harshbarger."

From the 1 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 121 002:

Dotson C D	WM	26		Laborer	VA VA VA
Mary A	WF	22	Wife	Housekeeper	VA VA VA
Lelia J	WF	1	Dau		WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Doddridge West Union Dist City West m....town??? 5 27 1 70:

Dotson Draper C	W	Sept 1854	45	WV
Mary F	W	Sept 1857	43	WV
Katie Y	D	Mar 1881	19	WV
Ethel G	D	Mar 1886	14	WV
Ralph R	S	July 1890	9	WV
Perly C (Clay)	S	Nov 1895	4	WV
G Dewey(George) S		Jan 1899	1	WV
Willis John	S-L	nr nr	32	WV
Lelia J	D	May 1879	21	WV
Griffin D	G-S	Feb 1900	2/12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0034 0178

Dotson Draper C	H W	56	WV WV
Mary	W	50	WV
Katy Y	D	28	WV
Clay	S	14	WV
George	S	11	WV
Vera	D	04	WV
Jettie V (Wallace)DL		16	WV

From *Davis, Settlers of Salem, W. Va.*, page 187¹¹: “Mary Frances Davis, b. 4 Sept. 1857; m. 28 Jan. 1877, Draper Dotson, (son of Calvin Dotson)” Seven of their children, died young. Parents of three living children:

a.- Lelia Dotson, b. at West Union, WV.; m. John K. Willis. Lived at Central Station.

From Page 218...six children:

1.- Oscar G. Willis, b. 5 Feb 1900; m. 14 March 1921, Madge Ruth Miller, b. 24 Aug 1905; d. 4 June 1974.

2.- Gerlad E. Willis, b. 11 July 1902; m. Glenda Elder.

3.- Kenneth J. Willis, b. 20 Dec 1904; m. Dessel W. Brown.

4.- Mary Francis Willis, b. 18 May 1907; m. 19 April 1922, Lewis Brown (deceased).

5.- Katheryn Lucille Willis, b. 15 June 1909; m. Frank Black.

6.- Dessie W. Willis, b. 24 Nov. 1911; m. 4 June 1942, Lee M. Garner. Resides at Greenwood, W.Va.

b.- Ethel Dotson, m. 21 Feb 1905, Oran Moran.

c.- Raymond Dotson, m. Jetty Wallace. Two children:

1.- Clay Wallace.

2.- Katie Wallace.

4.- John Calvin Dotson b. ca. 1857, d 22 Dec 1877.

From Doddridge Co. Death Index, Vol. 3, p. 28: “Dotson, John C. Dec 22, 1877; parents N. Dotson, C. Dotson.”

5.- Fredrick R. Dotson, b. ca 1859; d. June 19, 1933.

From the Doddridge Co. Death Index, Vol. 4, p. 44: "Dotson, Frederick R., male, June 19, 1933; parents Nancy Gattrell John C. Dotson".

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "19 Dec. 1880...Fredrick E. Dotson, 21...single...b. Dodd. Co... res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Calvin & Nancy; & Ruth R. Weekley, 20... single...b. Tyler Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Isreal & Elizabeth by F. J. Ashburn."

Isreal and Elizabeth were m. in Tyler Co. and are in the 1850 census of Tyler Co. but I do not find them in "The Weekley Family" by Henry A. Davis. Henry A. Davis also wrote "A Davis Family History" These are Davises that settled on Middle Island Creek, below West Union, W.Va.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Dodd West Union Dist 5 27 8 23

Dotson Fred	W	Oct 1859	40	WV
Ruth H	W	Mar 1860	40	WV
Joh(n) C	S	Mar 1881	19	WV
Zack R	S	May 1882	18	WV
Walter H	S	Mar 1884	16	WV
Frederick S	S	Mar 1886	14	WV
Clifton	S	Nov 1889	11	WV
Franklin B	S	Mar 1892	8	WV
Bruce	S	July 1894	5	WV

From Doddridge Co. Death Index, Vol. 4, p. 43: "Dotson, Franklin B, male Sept 20 1927; parents Bertha H. Weekley, Fredrick R. Dotson"

6.- Franklin B. Dotson. b. ca. 1867; d. 5 Aug 1887.

In the household of his father Calvin in 1870, age 3, and in 1880, age 13.

From the Doddridge Co. Death Index, Vol. 3, p. 46: "Dotson, Franklin B., male, Aug 5 1887; parents Nancy Dotson, Calvin Dotson."

7.- Lloyd Dotson b. ca. 1871;

In the household of his father Calvin Dotson in the 1880 census, age 9.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Doddridge West Union Dist West Union 5 27?

3 61: Dotson Lloyd W Oct 1870 29 WV
Ella M W Apr 1869 31 WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0034 0176

Datson Lloyd G	H W	39	WV WV
Ella	W	45	WV

8.- Richard Howard Dotson, b. 21 Jan 1876

In the 1880 census of his father Calvin Dotson, age 4.

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0034 0195

Dotson Richard	H W	35	WV WV
Josephine	W	34	WV
Hazel	D	05	WV
Clorine	D	nr	WV

0.- One other unnamed birth for Nancy and Calvin Dotson was recorded in Doddridge County. From Doddridge Co. Births Vol. 1, p. 60: "May 1873; Dotson —, male, Nancy Dotson Calvin Dotson."

CHAPTER VIII-6.
DELIAH DOTSON.

Deliah Dotson, b. 20 April 1826.

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "14 Oct 1850...James E. Wells, 21; & Deliah Dotson, 20...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Richard Dotson." No other information.

CHAPTER VIII-7.
DRUCILLA DOTSON.

Drucilla Dotson, b. 13 Aug 1829.

This marriage in Wood Co.: "Jacob Juda (Judy) and Drusilla Dotson 24 Feb 1846 by William D. Lowther."

From the 1850 census of Doddridge County, Fam. No. 115:

Jacob Juda	20	MW	Farmer	PA
Drusilla	20	FW		VA
Luther A	1	MW		VA

Note; next door to Fam. No. 114 Drusilla's parents Richard and Margaret Dotson

CHAPTER VIII-8.
MALVINA DOTSON.

Malvina Dotson, b. 22 Aug 1832. No other information.

CHAPTER VIII-9.
FRANCIS MARION DOTSON.

Francis Marion Dotson, b. 22 Feb. 1835; d. 4 March 1915.

In the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge Co., age 15, in the household of his father Richard, Jr.: "Francis M 15 MW VA"

This marriage in Doddridge County: "5 June 1856...Marion Dotson, 21...single...b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Richard and Margaret; and Isabel Hufford, 15...single... b. Washington Co., Pa...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Peter and Mary Ann by Ezekiel Bee." She b. 1 Jan. 1841.

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge Co. (p. 483), Dw1 347, Fam 348:

Dotson, M.	26	M	Farmer	VA
Isabelle	20	F		VA
Francis M	2	M(?)		VA

Goodwin, B J, 18 and Lorraine Goodwin, 19, and four children in Dw1. 347.

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co. (p. 58), Dw1 289, Fam. 253:

Dotson, Francis M	34	MW	Farmer	VA
Isabel	28	FW	Keeping house	PA
Frances	11	FW		VA
Helen M (ary)	9	FW		VA
Luther D	6	MW		VA

Margaret	3	FW		VA
Leanora	8/12	FW		WV

From the 1880 census of Ritchie Co., 150 028:

Dotson, Marion	WM	45		Farmer	WV WV OH
Isabell	WF	31	Wife	Keeping house	PA PA PA
Mary H	WF	18	Dau	At home	WV WV PA
Luther	WM	16	Son	At home	WV WV PA
M C(Margaret)	WF	13	Dau	At home	WV WV PA
Lenora	WF	10	Dau		WV WV PA
Henry	WM	7	Son		WV WV PA
Richard M	WM	5	Son		WV WV PA
Daisy	WF	6/12	Dau (Dec 1879)		WV WV PA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Doddridge Central Dist 5 20 11 12

Dotson Marion	W	Feb 1835	65	WV
Isabel	W	Jan 1841	59	Penn
Hellen M	D	Apr 1861	39	WV
Henry C	S	Aug 1872	27	WV
Richard M	S	Apr 1875	25	WV
Daisy	D	Dec 1879	20	WV
Stella	D	Oct 1882	17	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0026 0063

Dotson Marion	H W	75	WV WV
Isabel	W	69	Penn
Helen M	D	49	WV
Stalla	D	27	WV
Glenn	GS	06	WV

Parents of nine children:

1.- Frances Dotson, b. 17 July 1858; d. 29 Oct. 1928.

On 5 October 1878 she m. Barton Rollins. He b. 1 April 1856; d. Aug. 1951. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "3 Oct. 1878...Barton Rollins...age 22...b. Ritchie...son of Edward and Mary...m. Frances Dotson...age 20 ...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie...dau. of Marion and Isabelle."

Her sister, Mary Helen Dotson lived with them. After Frances' death Barton Rollins, m (2) Mary Helen Dotson

Barton Rollins and Frances Dotson had seven children:

a.- Mamie Rollins, m. Isaac "Ike" Miller. They went to Oklahoma. They had four children.

b.- Sherman Rollins, m. Cora Melven. They had four children.

c.- Nellie Rollins, m. Goff Mason. They had several children.

d.- Bessie Rollins, m. Lloyd Ingram. Lived Cabin Run. Parents of several children.

e.- Leamon Rollins. No information.

f.- Lucy Rollins, m. Carl Mason. He, son of Anthony Mason.

g.- Russell Rollins. No information.

2.- Mary Ellen Dotson, b. 3 April 1861; d. 31 Oct 1947. After the death of her sister, Frances Dotson, she m. her brother-in-law, Barton Rollins. She had made her home with Barton and Frances for many years.

3.- Luthur Dotson, b. 9 May 1864; d. 16 June 1944. He m. Ella Cottrill. She d. 7 Jan 1942.

Eight children:

- a.- Claude Dotson, m. Myrtle Edwards. He d. 1929.
- b.- Retta Dotson, m. John Bunch.
- c.- Vernie Dotson, m(1) Guy Russell; m (2) Claude Roach.
- d.- Delphia Dotson, m. Everett McCarty.
- e.- Clady Dotson
- f.- Charlie Dotson
- g.- Dollie Dotson, m. Harvey McCarty.
- h.- Edna Dotson. Never married.

4.- Margaret Caroline Dotson, b. 17 Dec 1866; d. 19 June 1938. She m. (1) Dolph Cottrill.

Two children:

a.- Gussie Cottrill, m. Clyde Hufford. Two children:

- 1.- Rex Hufford
- 2.- Ray Hufford

b.- Isabel Cottrill, m. Walt Smith.

4.- Margaret Caroline Dotson, m (2) Hat Hufford. Two children:

- c.- Arlie Hufford. (Killed by train at age 18 or 19).
- d.- Mark Hufford

5.- Eleanor (Lanor) Dotson, b. 1 Sept 1869; d. 3 Jan 1901. She m. Tom Smith. (See, Chapter VIII-5 John Calvin Dotson) Four children:

- a.- Homer Smith, b. 19 Feb 1894.
- b.- Henry Clay Smith, b. 4 Aug 1896; d. 15 July 1952.
- c.- Infant Smith, b. 20 Nov 1889; d. 21 Nov 1889.
- d.- Infant Smith.

6.- Henry Clinton Dotson, b. 3 Aug. 1872; d. 31 Dec 1930. He m. Maxine Calhoun 18 Sept. 1901. She b. ca. 1878. One son:

a.- Burl Dotson.

Lived on Goose Creek, east of Petroleum, near Victory School.

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0070 0130

Dotson Henry C H W 37 WV WV

Maxie W 32 WV

Burl Dotson m. Stella Varner, dau. of Oliver and Elizabeth Varner.

This obituary from the Ritchie Gazette, 1991: "Stella Virginia Dotson, 73, of 1320 40th St., Parkersburg, WV, died Thursday March 28, 1991 at her residence after a brief illness.

She was born in Petroleum, WV, a daughter of the late Oliver and Elizabeth Harris Varner. She was a member of the Grace Gospel Church, Pettyville, WV.

Surviving are her husband, Burl H. Dotson; three sons, Clinton H. Dotson and Burl Patrick Dotson, both of Parkersburg, and Ronald Michael Dotson of Redlands, CA; four brothers, Shirley Varner of Harrisville, WV, George Varner of Petroleum, Utah Varner of Akron, OH, and Calvin Varner of Parkersburg; five sisters, Nellie Metz, Inez Smith and Verna Wilson, all of Parkersburg, Julia Donley of Akron, and Nina Miller of Shippensburg, PA.

Services were held at the Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with the Rev. Bill Angel officiating. Burial was in the Ellafritz Cemetery*, Petroleum.”

*Note; Ellifritt Cemetery is four miles east of the village of Petroleum, on Goose Creek near the mouth of Short Run. See Chap. IX-5 Hiram Dotson.

7.- Richard Michael Dotson, b. 13 April 1875; d. 5 March 1937.

He m. Maud Batton. This marriage in Ritchie Co.; “3 April 1909...Richard M. Dotson...age 28...b. Doddridge...m. Eunice M. Batton...age 19...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie.” She b. 1889.

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0026 0190

Dotson Richard R (M)	H W	35	WV WV
Maud	W	20	WV
Gladys	D	nr	WV

Seven Children:

a.- Gladys Isabell Dotson, m. Austin “Austie” Nutter.

b.- Pearl Elizabeth Dotson; m. ____ Wilson. One child:

1.- “Bill” Dotson.

c.- Alice Jane Dotson, m. Sam Waldo (Chap. V-14). One child:

1.- Mike Waldo m. Paula Hodge, one child.

d.- Lawrence Dotson

e.- Opal Dotson, m. ____ Bunch.

f.- Roxie Dotson, m. ____ Davis. Lives at Pennsboro

g.- A still born child, b. 13 May 1878.

8.- Daisy Dotson, b. 15 Dec 1879; d. 8 Jan 1959.

She m. Eph Bee 29 Dec 1901. He b. 12 Nov 1874, d. 8 Sept 1955. Two children:

a.- Vonda Bee, m. Forrest Leggett.

b. - A stillborn child.

9.- Stella Dotson, b. 16 Oct 1882; d. 31 July 1958.

She m. 26 Nov 1916, William Frankhouser; he b. 4 May 1889, d. 4 May 1958. Five children:

a.- Glen Dotson, b. 8 Feb 1904, d. 10 Sep. 1958.

b.- Reed Dotson. (These two were Stella’s children and were Dotsons.)

c. - William Earl Frankhouser, b. 5 June 1917, m. Letha Myers 21 Aug. 1941. Letha b. 22 Aug 1920. Three children:

1.- William Michael Frankhouser, m. Pearl ____ 7 Nov____. One child:

(1) Michael Allen Frankhouser, b Aug.____

2.- Barbara Jane Frankhouser, m. Melvia Mosser. Two children:

(1) Mark Andrew Mossor, b. 20 Aug 1968

(2) William Davis Mossor.

3.- James Anthony Frankhouser.

d. Gordon Frankhouser, b. 20 May 1919; m. Leatrice Joyce Kennedy 24 Dec 1945"

They have three children:

1.- Roger Bruce Frankhouser, m. Joyce Ann Medina, 19 Aug. 1967. She b. 16 May 1948. One adopted son:

(1) William Joseph Frankhouser, b. 28 April 1971.

2.- Stephen Reid Frankhouser, b. 20 Aug 1948; m. 19 May 1972, Karen Lemasters.

3.- Kathy Sue Frankhouser, m. 13 April 1968, Stephen J. Yacheuv. Two children:

(1) Craig Allen Yacheuv, b. 6 Jan 1971.

(2) Melissa Ann Yacheuv, b. 11 Oct 1972.

e.- Ralph Kent Frankhouser, m. (1) Betty Jo Kiger, divorced. He b. 23 Sept 1924; d. 5 May 1969.

e.- Ralph Kent Frankhouser, m. (2) _____

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Notes: Chapter 8

¹Minnie Kendall Lowther, *History of Ritchie County* (Wheeling, W. Va.: Wheeling News Litho Co., 1911); p. 144.

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⁹ Evelyn P. Gain Furner, *Descendants of Adam J. and Susan Fleming Gain.*, (Publisher unlisted, Nov. 1980)

¹⁰ Morris Purdy Shawkey, *West Virginia in History, Life, Literature and Industry*, Vol. IV (Chicago and New York: The Lewis Publishing Co., 1928), p. 242.

¹¹ Susie Davis Nicholson, *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W. Va.* Revised Edition (Strashburg, Ohio: Gordon Printing Co., 1979), p. 187.

Chapter IX

Elisha Dotson

Elisha Dotson, b. 1795; m... Miss Nancy Wineger. From Wood County Death Records (see below): "Dotson, Elisha ... Parents; Richard and Millie Dotson.... " From Miss Lowther's *History of Ritchie County 1911*¹:

"ELISHA DOTSON was a soldier of the War of 1812, and his wife was Miss Nancy Wineger. Their family consisted of the following named children; Irvin Dotson of Rusk is the only surviving member of the family and he is now seventy four years of age. Richard who married Miss Elizabeth Deem, was the head of the Elizabeth (Wirt Co.) family, who have, since died, removed to Parkersburg. Albert rests in Wood Co.; Hiram on Goose Creek; Jackson in Oregon; Mary (Mrs. John Hustage) and Mahala (Mrs. John Fleming), both in Wood Co.; and Clarinda (Mrs. George Elefritz) of Goose Creek."

Elisha was a veteran of the War of 1812; he served in Capt. Henry Steed's Company "D", Infantry, 5th Reg't. Virginia Militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. Isaac Booth, from Aug. 30, 1814 to Mar. 24, 1815. Elisha's service parallels closely that of his older brother Emanuel, Sr. (Chap. VII).

From the 1820 census of VA; Wood County (p. 184):

Elisha Dotson...males: 2 under 10; 1 16-26; Females: 1 under 10; 1 16-26. Assuming all were their own children, they had two young boys and one young girl.

From the 1830 census of VA; Wood County:

Elisha Dotson...males; 1 under 5; 2 5-10; 1 15-20; 1 30-40; 1 70-80; females; 1 5-10; 1 10-15; 1 30-40. The male 70-80 is assumed to be Elisha's father, Richard Dotson Sr., born 1752. This would mean that Richard's 3rd wife, Naomi Villers Gregg had d. before 1830 and that he was living with his son Elisha. It should also be noted that a male 70-80 yrs. of age, also assumed to be Richard Dotson, Sr. was enumerated in the household of his son Joseph Dotson in Tyler County in the 1830 census.

Assuming all were their own, six children were in the family; one girl and three boys born after 1820; the one girl born before 1820 is shown as now 10-15; however only one boy is in the 15-20 age group and none 10-15, whereas there should have been two based on the 1820 census; perhaps one boy died or one of the boys listed in the 5-10 group should have been in the 10-15 group; the latter explanation would fit the identified children listed below.

From records in Tyler County:

Tyler Co. Deed Book 2 p 34, 1823; Elisha, wife Nancy and Ruben Martin to Thomas Cochran and James Morris 60A Ohio River Cresept and Bailly line.

Tyler County Land Grants; Bk 1, p. 395, 1836; Elisha Dotson 150A Short Run (of Arnold Creek).

Tyler Co. Deed Book 7, p. 394; 1839; Elisha and Nancy to Nathan Hanes, 150A. Arnold Creek. This means Nancy Wineger Dotson was living 1839.

Records in Doddridge County:

Doddridge Co. Deeds Vol. 1, p. 165; 1 Feb. 1845 (rec. 6 Mar. 1847) Dotson, John and Mahala to Elisha Dotson, 100 acres for one dollar... one moiety (half) of a two hundred acre tract of land situate in County of Doddridge and the same which was pattened (sic) to Hedgmen Triplett and Richard Dotson the 1st day of Aug. 1817 and the same on which the said *Elisha Dotson now lives*..the west end of the aforesaid 200 acre tract.

Doddridge County Deeds Vol 2, p. 462; 8 Feb 1855 (deed dated 12 Jan. 1855) Dotson, Elisha and Ingabee to Josephus Culp 96 3/4 acres Hughes River \$1161.deliver possession to Culp on 1 Apr. 1855.

Elisha was not found in the census of 1840 in the counties of Tyler, Wood or Harrison, as head of a household, although from the above deed he was living on the 100 acre tract in the Duckworth area. In 1850, he and his second wife Ingaby and children were enumerated in the same house-hold as that of Henry Ellefritt in Doddridge County; his relationship to the Henry Ellefritt family has not been determined.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County Fam. No. 118:

Henry Ellefritt	28	MW	Farmer	Maryland
Nancy	28	FW		Virginia
Flora E	4	FW		Virginia
Eleanore	2	FW		Virginia
Mary E	4/12	FW		Virginia
Elisha Dotson	55	MW		Virginia
Ingaby	34	FW		Virginia
Elisha	16	MW		Virginia
Irvin	13	MW		Virginia
Daniel	3/12	MW		Virginia

Note: Fam No. 115 was Jacob and Drusilla Dotson Juda, Fam. 114 was Richard and Margaret White Dotson, Fam. 112 was Wellington and Charlotte Duckworth, Fam. 109 Zachary and Eliza Edelbute Dotson, Fam 108 Thomas and Jacynthia Dotson Scott, Fam 107 Henry and Rhoda Duckworth, Fam 104 Aaron and Jane Duckworth, Fam. 97 William Dotson, Sr. and Mary A. Franks Dotson. These families lived in the Duckworth- Greenwood area of Doddridge Co.

From the above deed, in which he sold his ca. 100 acre tract in the Duckworth area to Josephus Culp with possession on April 1, 1855, it is concluded that it was at this time that he moved his family to the Belleville, Steele Township area of Wood County. The exact reason for making this move to Wood County has not been clearly established; it should be noted however that in the 1850 census of Wood Co., his son Richard W., 39, was enumerated as head of household, and with whom two of Elisha's other sons Zachariah, 28 (farmer), and Albert, 22 (farmer), were living. Perhaps it was a move to be near these children.

From the 1860 census of VA; Wood Co. Belleville PO; Dwl 207; Fam. 207

Elisha Dodson	64	M	Farmer	RE\$1000 Per\$253	VA
Ingaby	42	F	Wife		VA
Warren W	7	M			VA att.sch
Robert	2	M			VA

From the 1870 census of WV; Wood Co Steele Twnshp Wadesville PODwl 15 Fam
 15 Dotson Elisha 76 MW Farmer \$500 \$200 VA cannot r. or w.
 Ongeba 52 FW Kps house cannot r. or w.
 Warner W 18 MW Farming VA att sch.
 Robert 13 MW VA att sch cannot write

From Wood County Death Records: "Dotson, Elisha d. Aug. 30, 1871, Wood Co. Steele District. 77 yrs 6 mo. 8 days. Parents; *Richard and Millie Dotson*. Informant; Enzaba, WF. (wife)."

While living in Wood County, Elisha wrote a will in 1867; after his death Aug. 30, 1871, this will was proven and recorded in the Recorder's office of Wood County on Nov 1, 1871; a copy of this will was found by Art Dotson in "The Book of Wills, Wood County Courthouse, Parkersburg, W. Va.", Pages 124 and 125; researched in October, 1991.

WILL OF ELISHA DOTSON

In the name of God Amen, I Elisha Dotson being of sound mind and feeling the uncertainty of human life and wishing to settle worldly affairs, do make and publish this my last will and testament. First, I give and bequeath to my wife, Ingaba Dotson, one bedstead and bedding, twelve chairs, one side saddle, bridle and martingales, one Loom and rigging, one big wheel and one little wheel, one looking glass, all the family books and pictures, matixs and hoes, plows, two chests and trunk, knives and forks, cupboard ware, 1 brass kettle, two iron kettles, two tables and 1 stand, all the hogs on the farm, all the sheep on the farm, one cook stove and fixtures and all fire cooking utensils, two cows, one hors and gear, one horse wagon, Second to my sons Richard W. Dotson, and Zach Dotson and Hiram Dotson, Albert Dotson, Irvin Dotson and my daughters, Mahala Fleming, Clarinda Ellefritz, and my daughter Mary Hustage, I give and devise to each of them the sum of one dollar and a certain note as judgement on Owen Dotson* for one hundred and fifty dollars, the interest and cost paid by me on same be equally divided among my above married children if the same can be collected they being at his expense at collecting the same, Third to my sons, Warner W. and Robert W. Dotson I give and bequeath all the residue of my personal property of which I may die seized to be equally divided between the two, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. Given under my hand seal this 8 day of February, 1867. His

Elisha X Dotson (seal)
 Mark

Signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned, Witnesses at the request of Testator it being in his presence and in presence of each other.

s/ J. S. Keeves

s/ James D. Loomey

West Virginia Recorders Office

s/ Peter Sellers

Wood County November 1st 1871

The foregoing last will and testament of Elisha Dotson dec'd. was this day duly proven before me in said office by the oaths of James D. Loomey and Peter Sellers Subscribing witneses thereto and admitted to record therein.

s/ W. H. Smith, R. W. C.

(Recorder Wood County)

*Owen Dotson, son of Joseph Dotson and a nephew of Elisha; see Chap. X-3; Owen lived for a time in the late 1850s in Wood Co.; later Indiana and Kansas.

Children missing from this will were (1) Jackson, who was reported as having moved to Oregon, (2) Elisha, who died in 1853, (3) Daniel oldest child of Ingaba, shown age three months in the 1850 census, not in 1860 or 1870; probably died young.

Elisha and Nancy were parents of ten known children:

- 1.- Richard W. Dotson, b. 1812 Chapter IX-1
- 2.- Jackson Dotson Chapter IX-2
- 3.- Mary Dotson, b. 1817 Chapter IX-3
- 4.- Zachariah Dotson, b. 1822 Chapter IX-4
- 5.- Hiram Dotson, b. July 1825 Chapter IX-5
- 6.- Mahala Dotson, b. ca 1825-26. Chapter IX-6
- 7.- Albert Dotson, b. 1828 Chapter IX-7
- 8.- Clarinda Dotson, b. ca 1830 Chapter IX-8
- 9.- Elisha Dotson, Jr. b. 1833 Chapter IX-9
- 10.- Irvin Dotson, b. 1837 Chapter IX-10

Elisha Dotson m. (2) Ingaba Louther Eustler (Utchler) on Nov 3, 1847; she b. 1816-18; d. Oct 2, 1899 in Springhill, Johnson Co. Kansas.

Elisha and Ingaba were parents of three children:

- 11.- Daniel Dotson, b. ca. 1850, d. before 1860 Chapter IX-11
- 12.- Warner W. Dotson b. 1852 Chapter IX-12
- 13.- Robert W. Dotson b. ca. 1858 Chapter IX-13

CHAPTER IX-1.

RICHARD W. DOTSON.

Richard W. Dotson, b. ca 1812-1816. Lowther: "Richard who married Miss Elizabeth Deem was the head of the Elizabeth (Wirt Co.) family, who have, since died, removed to Parkersburg." This must have been a second marriage.

This marriage in Tyler County: "Dotson, Richard W. and Keziah Griffin, 14 January 1837 by Joseph Barnett."

From the 1840 census of Tyler County:

Richard W. Dotson...males, 1, 10-15; 1 20-30; females, 1 under 5; 1 20-30. The male, 10 to 15 years of age is probably Lauson F. Mauls (see below), or a relative. The female, under 5, may be Helen Dotson, 7 years of age in 1850 census of Wood County, but should not be if her age is correct in the 1850, 1870 and 1880 census'.

This item from the Minute Book of the County Court of Tyler County Virginia, 1837-1840: "Henry F. Dotson vs. Richard W. Dotson for use of Lauson F. Mauls."

From the 1850 census of VA; Wood Co. Dist 65 Kenna Bowman asst Marshal 12th day of July 1850 Dwl 225 Fam 225

Rich W Dotson	39	M	Farmer	VA
Keziah	28	F		VA
Helen A*	7	F		VA
Elizabeth A	3	F		VA
Zachariah	28	M	Farmer	VA
Albert	22	M	Farmer	VA

Zachariah Dotson and Albert Dotson were brothers of Richard W. Dotson. The

Dotsons living in Wirt Co., W.Va. are descendants of Richard W. Dotson

*Shown age 28 in 1870; and age 38, in 1880 census of Ritchie Co. in house-hold of her uncle Hiram Dotson on Goose Creek.

From the 1860 Census of VA; Wood Co. RR Parkersburg PO Dw1 764 Fam 758;

Richard W Dodson	48	M	Farmer	\$700	\$158	VA
Sarah E	27	F	wife			VA
Helen M	18	F				VA
Elizabeth A	14	F				VA
Frances C	12	F				VA
Franklin P	6	M				VA
America	4	F				VA
Emily	2	F				VA
Louisa	2/12	F				VA

From the 1870 census of WV; Wood Co Lubeck Twp, Lubeck PODw1 151 Fam 146

Dotson Richard	57(or 53)	MW	Farmer	\$500	\$500	VA
Sarah E	38	FW	Keeps house			VA
Helen	28	FW				VA
Elizabeth	24	FW				VA
Frances	21	FW				VA
Franklin	16	MW				VA att sch
Annsice?(America)	12	FW				VA att sch
Emily	11	FW				VA att sch
Nancy	10	FW				VA att sch
Eliott	8	MW				VA att sch
Commodore	7	MW				WV
Calvin	4	MW				WV
Osborn Fayette	24	MW	Carpenter			VA
Mary	13	FW				Ohio att sch
Jasper	8	MW				Ohio att sch

From the 1880 census of WV; Wirt Co. 158 014:

Dotson, R W	WM	64	Farmer	WV WV	___
Sarah E	WF	47	Wife Kps hse.	WV WV	OH
Francis C	WF	28	DauHousekeeper	WV WV	WV
Nancy	WF	20	Dau At Home	WV WV	WV
Eliott	WM	18	Son Wks on farm	WV WV	WV
Commodore**	WM	16	Son Wks on farm	WV WV	WV
Calvin	WM	14	Son At Home	WV WV	WV
Ella	WF	8	Dau	WV WV	WV
Lillie	WF	2	Dau	WV WV	WV
Geo W	WM	25	Nephew,* Farm lab.	WV WV	MA

*George, age 16 in 1860 census of his parents Albert and Mary Dotson (Chap. IX-7); note birthplace of his mother Mary is MA.

**From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Wood Parkersburg Dist Parkersburg City Fourth 461 37 138 4 46

Dotson, Comador D	W	June 1864	36	WV
Mable	W	Dec 1874	26	WV

**From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Wood Parkersburg 044 0127 0124

Dotson Commodore C	H W	44	WV WV
Mabel	W	44	WV

CHAPTER IX-2.
JACKSON DOTSON.

From Miss Lowther²: “Jackson Dotson in Oregon.” No other information; not found in any census of Oregon; Jackson not included in his father Elisha’s will of 1867 (see above)

CHAPTER IX-3.
MARY DOTSON.

Mary Dotson, b. 1817. She m. John Hustage (Hustead), ca 1839.

From the 1850 census of VA; Tyler County:

Hustaed, John	32	(farmer)	PA
Mary	33		VA
Eliza Ann	10		
James	8		
Mary	2		

From the 1860 census of VA; Wood, Rural Route Parkersburg PO; Dwl 246 Fam 740

John Hustead	42	M	Farmer	Pers \$1450	PA
Mary	42	F	wife		VA
James M	18	M	Farm Lab		VA att. sch
Mary E	12	F			VA att sch
Wm. A	6	M			VA att sch
John	11/12	M			VA

Not in 1870 census index for WV, nor 1880 census index for Wood, Ritchie, Doddridge, Harrison, Gilmer, Calhoun, or Wirt; however in the 1880 census of Wirt, 158 O27 & 158 O28:

Foster, T F	WM	46	Merchant	WV WV ____
M E	WF	32	Wife	Kp. hse. WV PA WV
L A	WF	12	Dau.	At home WV WV WV
Frank	WF	9	Dau.	WV WV WV
Jimmy	WM	7	Son	WV WV WV
Hustead, J S	WM	20	Bil	Clk. in store WV PA WV

It is likely that the “M E, 32 wife” is the “Mary E, 12” daughter of John and Mary Hustage in the 1860 census above; and that the “J S Hustead, 20 brother in law” is the “John 11/12 “ son of John and Mary Hustage in the 1860 census. Note that in addition to the ages checking, the birthplace of the father of both is given as “PA” which corresponds to the birthplace of John Hustage in 1850 and 1860 census’.

CHAPTER IX-4.
ZACHARIAH DOTSON.

Zachariah Dotson, b. 1822. Shown, age 28, in the 1850 census of Wood Co., in the family of his brother Richard W. Dotson. Named in his father's will dated 1867, proven 1871. No other information.

Note: Not found by name in the 1860 or 1870 census index of WV; nor in the 1880 census of Ritchie, Doddridge or Wood.

CHAPTER IX-5.
HIRAM DOTSON.

Hiram Dotson, b. June 18, 1825, d. 1901., m. Lucinda Leap, b. March 9, 1842 in Kentucky, d. May 8, 1921

"Hiram Dotson rests on Goose Creek."³ (in the Ellifritt Cemetery)

From the 1850 census of VA; Wood Co. Dist 65 Dwl 213 Fam 213

Reuben Dickson	62	M	Farmer	NY
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Hiram Dotson	25	M	Labourer	VA
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From the 1860 census of VA; Wood Co. Belleville PO; Dwl 213 Fam 213

Hiram Dotson	36	M	Farm Labor \$600	\$29 VA
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Lucinda	21	F	wife	VA
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Victoria	2	F		VA
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Delia A	1	F		VA
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From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (433-418):

Hiram Dotson	44	VA	farmer
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Lucinda	30	VA	housekeeper
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Victory V	13	VA	
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Delilah	12	VA	
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Sarinda	3	WV	
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Nay (m)	9/12	WV	
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From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 153 023:

Dotson, Hiram	WM	54	Farmer	WV WV WV
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Lucinda	WF	40	Wife Kps. house	WV WV WV
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Victoria	WF	23	Dau At home	WV WV WV
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Delilah A	WF	21	Dau At home	WV WV WV
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Clarinda	WF	13	Dau At home	WV WV WV
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Ney	WF	10	Son At home	WV WV WV
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Grace	WF	3	Dau	WV WV
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Helen	WF	38	Niece At home	WV WV WV
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The special census of Civil War veterans and their widows of 1890 shows that Hiram Dotson of Grant District Ritchie County served as a private in Company B 6th W. Va. Cavalry from 17 May 1863 to May 1866.

From the 1900 census of WV; Ritchie Grant Dist 30 88 19 26 (Dwl. 341, Fam. 341)

Dotson Hiram D MW Head June 1825 74 WV WV OH

Married 41 yrs.; farmer; can read and write, owner of farm free of mortg.

Lucinda FW Wife Mar 1839 61 WV WV WV

Rexroad Edward MW Bo Dec 1887 12 WV

From the 1910 census of WV; Ritchie Co. Grant Dist. 27 Apr. 1910; ED 70 Sh7:

Dotson Lucindie Head FW 67 Wd. 6 children/5 liv. KY VA VA

Gardener/sm. truck, can read and write, owns house free of mortgage; living alone

From the 1920 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 48 116 4 96

Dotson Lucinda 79 WV

enum. with Hanlon, William; relationship, mother- in- law

In the Ellifritt Cemetery, Goose Creek, Ritchie Co.;

“DOTSON Lucinda Dotson Mar 9 1842 May 8 1921 age 79 yrs. 1 mo. 29 ds Hiram

Dotson July 19, 1825 Dec 26, 1901 aged 76 yrs 5 mo. 7 ds; E. R. Dotson”

The location of the Ellifritt Cemetery on Goose Creek, Grant District, Ritchie County, WV is shown on the map at the end of this chapter.

In 1980 Hiram and Lucinda Dotson’s granddaughter Olive Shriver Metz contributed an article and photograph of “Grandma Dotson 1842-1923” to the book *The History of Ritchie County, West Virginia, to 1980*; 4 p. 111. In it she relates her recollections, at age eighty years, of her grand-mother Lucinda Leap Dotson at the home place on Goose Creek.

Deed in Ritchie County: Bk. 29 p. 422; 1886; “Geo. W. Elifritz to Lucinda and Nay Dotson deed for 15a. Goose Creek.”

Parents of five known children*:

*In 1910 census, Lucinda mother of 6 children/ 5 living. note “E R Dotson” at bottom of Hiram and Lucinda headstone in Ellifritt cemetery; may be child 6 died young



**Headstone of Lucinda and Hiram Dotson
in the Ellifritt Cemetery, Goose Creek, Ritchie Co.
Photo by Art Dotson November 1991**

1.- Victoria, b. 1857, was reported to have married a Harlon; no record found of this marriage; nor Harlon in 1900 or 1910 census soundex of WV. In the 1920 census (above), Lucinda was enumerated in Ritchie Co. with a William Hanlon, her relationship to Hanlon "mother-in-law." No additional information.

2.- Delilah A, b. ca. 1858, d. 1936, m. Perry Davis, both buried in Ellifritt Cemetery, Goose Creek.

This marriage in Ritchie Co. "1 Sept 1887..John P. Davis... age 32...b. Doddridge... res. Ritchie...m. Delila A Dotson...age 23...b. Wood...resident Ritchie."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Grant Dist 3088 19 62;

Davis John P	W	July 1855	44	WV
Delilah A	W	June 1858	41	WV
Estella B	D	June 1883	16	WV
Sarah A	D	June 1888	11	WV
Idella G	D	Dec 1890	9	WV
Lelia B	D	July 1892	7	WV
Murnie N	D	May 1894	6	WV
Buleah M	D	May 1900	0/12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0069 0228;

Davis Perry J	HW	53	WV
Delia A	W	50	WV

(no children listed)

3.- Clarinda, b. ca. 1867, d. 1937, m. Henry Cantwell, b. 1858, d. 1953, buried in Ellifritt Cemetery, Goose Creek.

This marriage in Ritchie Co. "18 Sept . 1887..Henry Cantwell...age 28..b. Washington Co. Oh...resident Ritchie...m. Clarinda Dotson...age 20...b. Wirt... resident Ritchie."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Grant Dist 30 88 21 48;

Cantwell William	HW	July 1857	42	Ohio
Cara C.	W	Feb 1867	33	WV
Bessie F	D	July 1888	11	WV
William N	S	June 1890	9	WV
George	S	Nov 1892	7	WV
Thomas R	S	Dec 1894	5	WV
Clarence	S	Oct 1896	3	WV
Gouldie L	D	Sept 1899	10/12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0070 0136

Cantwell Henry W	HW	52	Ohio	WV
Clara E	W	43	WV	
Nay	S	19	WV	
George	S	17	WV	
Tom	S	15	WV	
Clarence	S	13	WV	
Goldie	D	11	WV	
Herbert	S	08	WV	
Harvy	S	05	WV	
Ellifitt George W	U	84	Maryland	

4.- Nay W., b. Aug 10, 1869, d. Oct 17, 1959 in Parkersburg WV

Buried in Hopewell Cemetery. m. Roberta J McClead. b. July 9, 1879 in Washington Co. Oh, d. Feb 21, 1964, in Olney Illinois, buried in Hopewell Cemetery, WV.

This birth in Ritchie Co. p. 44: "Nay Dotson Grant Dist. Aug 9, 1869; parents Hiram and Lucinda Dotson; information by Hiram Dotson, father"

This marriage in Ritchie Co. "7 April 1895...Nay W. Dotson...age 24...b. Ritchie...m. Robirdie McClead...age 17...b. Washington Co. OH...resident Ritchie."

From the 1900 census of WV; Ritchie Co. Grant Dist. 1 June 1900 Sup. Dist 4, ED 88, Sh 20 p 14, Dwl 355, Fam 355:

McClead Elias	Head	MW 74	mar. 49 yr.	b. Apr. 1826	PA PA PA
Farmer owns farm free and clear; can read and write.					
Rachael E	Wife	FW 63	mar. 49 yr.	Mother of 16, 10 living; b. Apr. 1837	OH OH OH Can read/ cannot write
Bird J	Dau.	F W22	mar. 5 yr.	Mother of 3, 3 living; b. July 1877	OH PA OH Can read and write
Dotson, Nay W. Son-in-law MW20 mar. 5 yr.; b. Aug 1879 WV WV WV;					
Farmer, can read and write					
Winnie G.	Dau.	FW 4	Single	b. Oct .1895	WV WV OH
Gertie A	Dau.	FW 3	Single	b. Apr.1897	WV WV OH
Clyde C	Dau.?	MW1	Single	b. Apr 1899	WV WV OH

From the 1910 census of WV; Ritchie Co. Grant Dist 27 Apr. 1910; ED 70, Sh. 7; Dwl 138, Fam 139:

Dotson, Nay W.	Head	MW40	Mar.#1, 15 y.	WV UnK UnK	Farmer owns farm free of mortgage, can read and write
Berd	Wife	FW 32	Mar.#1, 15 y.	mother of 6/ 6 living	OH UnK UnK can read/write
Winnie G	Dau.	FW 15	Sing.	WV WV OH	school
Gurtie	Dau.	FW 12	Sing.	WV WV OH	school
Clyde	Son	MW11	Sing.	WV WV OH	school
Nutie	Son	MW8	Sing.	WV WV OH	school
Ada	Dau.	FW 5	Sing.	WV WV OH	school
Dora	Dau.	FW 3	Sing.	WV WV OH	
McClead Elias	F in L	MW83	Wd.	PA PA PA	supported Veteran of Civil War U. A.

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 48 117 1 1

Dotson Nay W	W	WV
Bertie	W	42 Ohio
Neuta E	S	18 WV
Ada R	D	15 WV
Dora B	D	13 WV
Pearl I	D	11 WV
Norma	D	9 WV
Nay W. Jr	S	6 WV
Earnest	S	4 WV
Iwanda	D	6 moWV

Dotson, Clyde C	S	21	WV
Gusta	DL	26	WV

This deed in Ritchie County: Bk. 43 p. 254, 1896; "Rachel E. McClead to Nay and Robirda Dotson deed for 54 a. Goose Creek."

Nay and Roberta were leaders in the Church of Christ congregation at Metz Chapel; this church was located at the head of Cabin Run, Grant District (see map at end of chapter); a photo and article about the organizational meeting in 1915 with Nay Dotson elected chairman of the trustees (another trustee was Lemon Dotson), is included in the book *The History of Ritchie County, West Virginia, to 1980*; ⁵ p. 10.

Parents of twelve children:

- a.- Winnie
- b.- Gurtie Agnas
- c.- Clyde Carl
- d.- Newton E.
- e.- Lawrence
- f.- Ada Ruth
- g.- Dora
- h.- Pearl Irene
- i.- Norma Carolyn
- j.- Nay Woodrow
- k.- Earnest Howell
- l.- Hilda Iwanda

The following account of the families of Nay and Berd Dotson, and their son Newton E. Dotson, has been researched and written (Nov. 1991) by Nay and Berd's grandson, Art Dotson.



Nay and Berd Dotson, ca. 1940

a.- Winnie Gazera b. Oct 25, 1895 m. (1) Guy Dotson. This marriage in Ritchie County; "29 Sept. 1912...Guy F. Dotson...age 34...b. Doddridge ...resident Ritchie...m. Winnie Dotson...age 17...b. Ritchie."

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 48 116 13 12 Cairo

Dotson, Guy P	W	45	WV
Winnie	W	24	WV
Goodwin, Eva no relation	15		Ohio

Guy Dotson was the son of Jasper E. Dotson. In the 1880 census, in the household of Jasper E. Dotson, "Guy age 5". For Jasper Dotson see Chap. VIII-2 William White Dotson.

Winnie was reported to have married five times; one was to a John Newman. Both are deceased and had no children. No information on other marriages.

b.- Gurtie Agnas, b. April 22, 1897 m. (1) Buehl Davis; this marriage in Ritchie Co.; "7 Sept. 1911...Buel Davis...age 21...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie...m. Girtie A. Dotson...age 15...b. Ritchie." both are deceased and had children as follows:

- 1.- Shirley
- 2.- Kenneth
- 3.- Wilda

b.- Gurtie m. (2) ____ Sperry, had girl

- 4.- Mary Jo

c.- Clyde Carl, b. 1899; d. Aug 30 1976; m. Augusta Cantwell, (marriage date unknown). They had 5 children:

- 1.- Carl
- 2.- Eleanor
- 3.- Shirley
- 4.- Gene
- 5.- Daniel

All of the above had children and some grandchildren but names are unknown.

d.- Newton E., b. July 24 1901 in Parkersburg WV d. Aug 2, 1987 in Phoenix AZ. m. Daisy Lea Overfield b. April 13, 1902 in Ritchie Co WV; d. Jan 11, 1984 in Phoenix AZ. Both are buried in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo OH. They were married March 4, 1921 by Lemon Dotson (son of Ellis Dotson Chap. XIV-5) well known preacher in the Church of Christ in Ritchie County, and a trustee of the Metz Chapel Church of Christ congregation.

Parents of six children (18 grandchildren, 26 g. grandchildren and 5 g.g. grandchildren):

1.- Williard Kenton Dotson, b. Apr 9, 1921 in Ritchie Co. m. Lova Irene Steiner, b. July 30, 1923 in Bluffton OH, on Jan 17 1942 in Toledo Ohio. They had six children, Randall Owen b. Oct 13, 1942; Janice Kay, b. July 25, 1946; Susan Beth b. Aug 21, 1946; David Stephen b. Mar 23, 1948; Gregory Allan b. July 9, 1954; and Gerald Neil b. Mar 7, 1956.

2.- Evelyn Juanita Dotson, b. Sept 1, 1923 Petroleum, Ritchie Co. m. Leyder Ness. No children. (Leyder had a son Leyder by a prior marriage).

3.- Jack Everett Dotson b May 16, 1925 in Ritchie Co..m Miriam Decker Sept 1953. Two children, Jeffery Guy and Kay Elizabeth.

4.- Dorothy Eileen Dotson, b. May 31, 1927 Akron OH, d. May 31, 1977 in Ontario CA; buried Pomona CA. m. (1) Jack Calvin b. May 16 1925 Monroe Mich; Their four children are Connie b. June 15, 1947; Sandra b. Apr 22, 1949; Jackie b. Sept 1951; and Denise b. June 6, 1953. Dorothy m. (2) Ralph Henry: Three children: Shiela; Ralph Edward; and Robert Everett.

5.- Arthur Joel Dotson b. June 5, 1931 Toledo, OH. m. Peggy Jean Henderson, b. Jan 29, 1931 Jackson TN, on November 21, 1953 in Toledo Ohio. Their three children are Lisa Ann b. Feb 26 1962; Kenneth Everett b. Apr 25, 1964; and Ronald Stephan b. Jan 28, 1967.

6.- James Lee Dotson b. June 5, 1943 in Toledo, OH; m. Karen Vergiels b. June 9, 1945 Toledo OH, d. 5 May 29, 1987 Ann Arbor MI, married Apr 1, 1967; no children.

e.- Lawrence, b. ca. 1902/03, d. at birth.

f.- Ada Ruth, b. Sept 25, 1904 d. Feb 15, 1981; m. Tom Duffy, also deceased.

Their five children are:

- 1.- Robert
- 2.- Nelma
- 3.- Madeline
- 4.- Norma
- 5.- Donald

g.- Dora, b. Aug 9, 1906 d. Oct 28, 1973. m. (1) ____ McGinnis (killed on the railroad).

One child;

- 1.- Wilma, m. Gene Rice; one boy David.

g.- Dora m. (2) Brooks Fouty, divorced.

h.- Pearl Irene, b. Aug 4, 1910, m. (1) ____ Dieble; Two children:

- 1.- Kathleen Iwana, m. John Morlan
- 2.- Donald Lee

h.- Pearl m. (2) Ira Cochran; Children:

- 3.- Carol Lee
- 4.- Iris
- 5.- Phillis Joan
- 6.- William Ira
- 7.- Joyce Kay
- 8.- Nay W
- 9.- Michael

i.- Norma Carolyn, b. Aug 24, 1912, m. Kenneth Adams May 24, 1931; two children;

- 1.- Joanne b. 1931, m. Jack Mason, have children.
- 2.- Kenneth, m. ____ , have children.

j.- Nay Woodrow, b. Nov 5, 1914, d. Feb 12, 1989 in California. m. (1) ____ Fayma; have children; m. (2) Dorthea ____.

k.- Ernest Howell, b. Jan 13, 1916, d. Nov 14, 1983; m. (1) ____ Had a daughter

- 1.- Phyllis, who is married with children.

k.- m. (2) Maxine Kinkade. No children.

l.- Hilda Iwana, b. Aug 11, 1919, d. March 7, 1973; m. Dane Fouty; had children

5.- Grace, b. 1875, in Ritchie Co. WV, d. 1932 in Ritchie Co.

Grace m. John Hagan Shriver in 1897. This marriage in Ritchie Co: "15 July 1897...JohnH.Shriver...widow...age40...b.Tyler...residentRitchie...m.GraceDotson...age 20...b. Ritchie."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Grant Dist. 30 88 21 87:

Shriver John H	W	Apr 1854	46	WV
Grace E	W	July 1876	23	WV
Rebecca R	D	Feb 1880	20	WV
John H	S	Feb 1882	18	WV
James B	S	Aug 1884	15	WV
Benjamin M	S	Oct 1886	13	WV
Harrison H	S	June 1889	10	WV
Delilah E	D	Dec 1897	2	WV
Olive G	D	Oct 1899	7/12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie; 036 0070 0134:

Shriver John H	HW	56	WV WV
Grace E	W	35	WV
Olive G	D	10	WV
Myrtle M	D	08	WV
George F	S	05	WV
Frona M	D	nr	WV

The children listed in the 1900 census, through Harrison H., were children of Hagan Shriver's previous marriage; those of his marriage to Grace Dotson in 1897 were:

- a.- Delilah E., b. Dec 1897
- b.- Olive G., b. Oct 1899
- c.- Myrtle M, b. ca. 1902
- d.- George F., b. ca. 1905
- e.- Frona M.
- f.- Mark D.

The following newspaper article from the *Ritchie Gazette*, July 6, 1989, may help identify some later descendants of John Hagen Shriver.

"Family Reunion Held; Shriver Family

Descendants of the late John Hagen Shriver of Petroleum, WV held their 15th annual reunion on Saturday, June 10th, at the Shriver homeplace on Goose Creek near Petroleum.

Relatives and friends attending were: Donna Metz, Shirley Wolodkin, Brian and Shari Beckett, all of Wheeling, WV; Rae Ann Wolodkin of Columbus, OH; Scott Reynolds of Martinsburg, WV; Stephen Metz of St. Marys, WV; Donna Reynolds Flesher of Murphytown, WV; Howard C. Mattern of Vienna, WV.

Dennis Affolter, Ray and Edna Combs and Chris Ferree, all of Mineral Wells, WV; Myrtle Shriver Affolter, Walter and Inez Shriver McKain, John and Ruth Reynolds, Robin and Amber Perry, Jenny Reynolds, Kevin, Debby and Wendi Reynolds, Pat and Ruby Perry and Dempsie Scott, all of Parkersburg, WV; Jim and Thelma Robinson, Mike and Patty Metz, and the host, Mark D. Shriver, all of Petroleum, WV.

The 1990 Shriver Reunion will be held the third Saturday in July at the Shriver homeplace."

CHAPTER IX-6.

MAHALA DOTSON.

Mahala Dotson, b. ca 1825.

From Lowther: "Mahala (Mrs. John Fleming)" This marriage in Doddridge County: "11 April 1847...Mahala Dotson & John Fleming."

From the 1860 census of VA; Wood Lubeck PODw1 708 Fam 702:

John J. Fleming	38	M	Fm Labor Per\$40 VA
Mahala	37	F	wife VA
Franklin	11	M	VA
Senetta	8	F	VA
Elisha	1	M	VA
Patonop??	1?	M	VA

From the 1880 census of WV; Wood Co., 170 038:

Fleming,	John J	WM	52		Farmer	WV WV WV
	Mahala	WF	57	Wife	Kps. house	WV WV WV
	Nancy A	WF	17	Dau	At home	WV WV WV
	John L	WM	15	Son	Wks farm	WV WV WV

From the 1900 census of WV; Wood Co. Steele Dist 20 June 1900 4 142 11 86; Dwl 208 Fam 208

Fleming	John J	Head	WM	Feb 1828	72	married	WV WV WV
							Farmer owns farm free of mort.
	Ellen	Wife	W F	Dec 1846	53	married 8 yr,	mother of 5 children, 4 living Ohio NY Md

Dotson	Marion C	stepson	WM	March 1881	19	single	WV OH OH
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Wife Ellen evidently a second marriage for John J. Fleming, m. ca. 1892; stepson Marion C. Dotson not identified.

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Wood 044 0136 0142:

Fleming	John	HW	82	WV WV
	Ellen	W	63	Ohio

CHAPTER IX-7.

ALBERT DOTSON.

Albert Dotson, b. 1828. Shown, age 22, in the 1850 census of Wood County, WV, in the family of his brother Richard W. Dotson. Miss Lowther⁶; "Albert rests in Wood County."

From the 1860 Census of WV; Wood Co. RR Parkersburg PO Dwl 765 Fam 759:

Albert	Dodson	32	M	Farm Labor \$60	VA
	Mary	30	F	wife	MA
	James S	7	M		VA
	Geo W	5	M		VA
	John T	3	M		VA

This birth in Ritchie Co.: "John F Dotson Apr 5, 1857; parents Albert and Mary Dotson"

From the 1870 census of WV; Wood Lubeck Twp Parkersburg PO Dwl 197 Fam 186:

Dotson	Albert	42	MW	Farmer \$300	VA
	Mary	41	FW	kp. hse	Mass
	James	17	MW		VA att sch
	George*	16	MW		VA att sch
	John	13	MW		VA att sch
	Andrew	10	MW		VA att sch
	Sarah	7	FW		WV
	Virginia	8	FW		WV
	Zachariah	5	MW		WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Wood County 168 040:

Dotson, Albert	WM	52		Carpenter	VA VA VA
Mary	WF	50	Wife	Kp. Hse.	MA RI RI
Virginia	WF	13	Dau	None	WV VA MA

*From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Wood Lubeck Dist Lauckport B St 106; 37 132 11 54:

Dotson George W	W	Mar 1857	43	WV
Ella	W	Aug 1857	42	Ohio
Mabel	D	June 1883	16	WV
Annie	D	May 1888	12	WV
Grace	D	July 1891	8	WV

*From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Wood 43 0119 0396:

Dotson George W	H W	55	WV WV
Living alone			

Albert was not found in either the 1900 or 1910 census soundex of WV.

CHAPTER IX-8.

CLARINDA DOTSON.

Clarinda Dotson, b. ca 1830.

Miss Lowther⁷; "Clarinda (Mrs. George Ellifritz)."

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County, 434-419:

Geo W Ellifritt	45	Md	Shoemaker
Clarinda	37	VA	Seamstress

Note: this family adjacent to Clarinda's brother Hiram Dotson

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County, 153 016:

Ellifritt, George W	WM	54		Miller	VA VA VA
Florinda (Clarinda)	WF	49	Wife	Kps. hse.	WV VA OH
Dotson, Florinda (Clara E)	WF	13	Niece	At home	WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Grant Dist. 30 88 22 73:

Ellifritts, George W	W	Dec 1825	74	Maryland
Aray V.?	W	Sept 1833	66	WV

In 1910, George W. Ellifritt, 84 b. Maryland, living in the household of his niece Clara E. Cantwell (Mrs. Henry).

For additional information see page 436, *Descendants of John Wilson*⁸ and page 22, *The Duckworth Family*.⁹

CHAPTER IX-9.

ELISHA DOTSON.

Elisha Dotson, b. 1833, d. 1853. Shown, age 16, in the 1850 census of Doddridge County, in the family of Elisha Dotson, Sr.

In Doddridge Co. Deaths, Vol. 3, p. 1: "Dotson, Elisha, M, d. Sept 1853, Arnold Creek, age 21; parents N. Dotson, Elisha Dotson, born Wood Co., unmarried; information by Elisha Dotson, father."

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery: "Dotson Elisha Son of E and N Dotson d. Oct 20 1853 19 yrs 11 m 4 days"

CHAPTER IX-10. IRVIN DOTSON.

Irvin Dotson, b. 1837. From Lowther: "Irvin Dotson of Rusk is the only surviving member of the family and he is now (1911) seventy four years of age."¹⁰

He m. Sarah Phillips.

From Ritchie Co. deaths, p. 34: "Dotson, Clarinda Nov 28 1878, death in Grant Dist. diptheria, 3 yrs; parents Irvin & ____ b. in Ritchie Co. rept by Irvin Dotson, head of family"

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co., 153 016:

Dotson, Irvin	WM	54*	Farmer	WV WV WV
Sarah E	WF	51* Wife	Kps. hse.	WV WV WV
Floyd E	WM	7 Son		WV WV WV

*Note 10 year discrepancy in age from 1900 and 1910 census.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Wood Co. 30 89 13 9:

Dotson Irvin	W	Nov 1836	63	WV
Sarah E	W	Sept 1839	60	WV
Minnie J	D	Sept 1882	17	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0071 0041:

Datson Irvin	H W	73	WV WV
Sarah E	W	70	WV
Floyd E	S	36	WV
Minne J	D	28	WV

Parents of three children:

a.- Floyd Dotson b. ca. 1873-74. Never married.

b.- Clarinda (Corine?) Dotson, b. ca. 1875. d. Nov 28, 1878, 3 yrs..

c.- Minnie Dotson, b. Sept 1882 m. Lemon Dotson, widower. He son of Ellis Dotson.

For this family see Ellis Dotson Chapter XIV-5. For further information, see *The Gregg Family*¹¹

CHAPTER IX-11 DANIEL DOTSON

Daniel Dotson, b. 1850, shown in the 1850 census, 3/12 yrs. old, in the household of his father Elisha and mother Ingaba; not in the 1860 (nor 1870) census, this indicating death before 1860. Further confirmed by not being included in his father Elisha's will written in 1867, probated in 1871.

See discussion below in Chap. IX-13.

CHAPTER IX-12
WARNER W. DOTSON

Warner W. Dotson, b. Oct 1852 (from 1900 census of Kansas). In his father Elisha's household in the 1860 and 1870 census'. Named as heir in his father Elisha's will written in 1867 and probated in 1871.

From the 1900 census soundex of Kansas; Coffey County Lincoln Twp;11 40 10 42:

Dotson Warner W	W	Oct 1852	4	VA
Lysander G	S	June 1875		VA
Maggie L	D	May 1884	16	KS
Daisy W	D	Dec 1888	12	KS
Fredric W	S	Mch 1890	10	KS
Mertal L	D	Oct 1893	7	KS
Ola E	GD	June 1899	11/12	KS

Note: Warner's mother Ingaba was reported to have died Oct 2, 1899 in Springhill, Johnson Co. Kansas.

From the 1910 census soundex of Kansas; Coffey Co Lebo 014 0016 0136:

Dotson Warner W	H W	57	WV	KS
Fred W	S	20	KS	
Alice L	D	07	KS	

No additional information.

CHAPTER IX-13
ROBERT DOTSON

Robert Dotson, b. ca. 1858, from age 2 in the 1860 census of his father Elisha in Wood Co.; shown, age 13, in his father's household in the 1870 census. Named as heir in his father Elisha's will written in 1867 and probated in 1871.

From the Wood Co. Death Records of 1853-1894: "Robert Dotson d. Aug 23, 1873, Steele District; b. W. Va. S/O E. & I. age, 23 yrs. 2 mo. 5 dys.-Parents; Ingaba Dotson; Informant mother". The age given of 23 yrs 2 mo 5 dys. on Aug 23, 1873, means that he was born on or about June 18, 1850. This birthyear does not agree with those of 1857 or 1858 calculated from the ages given in both the 1860 and 1870 census'. Art Dotson, who obtained this death record information, suggests the possibility that Robert could have been a second name for Daniel, who from the 1850 census record was born that year; if so, however, then the ages given for Robert in both the 1860 and 1870 census' were in error. This apparent discrepancy has not been resolved.

No additional information.

Chapter 9 Notes

¹ Minnie Kendall Lowther, *History of Ritchie County* (Wheeling, W. Va.: Wheeling News Litho. Co., 1911), p. 145.

² *Ibid.*, p. 145.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 145.

⁴ *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980* (Ritchie County Historical Society, 1980), p. 111.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 10.

⁶ Minnie Kendall Lowther, *History of Ritchie County* (Wheeling, W. Va.: Wheeling News Litho. Co., 1911), p. 145.

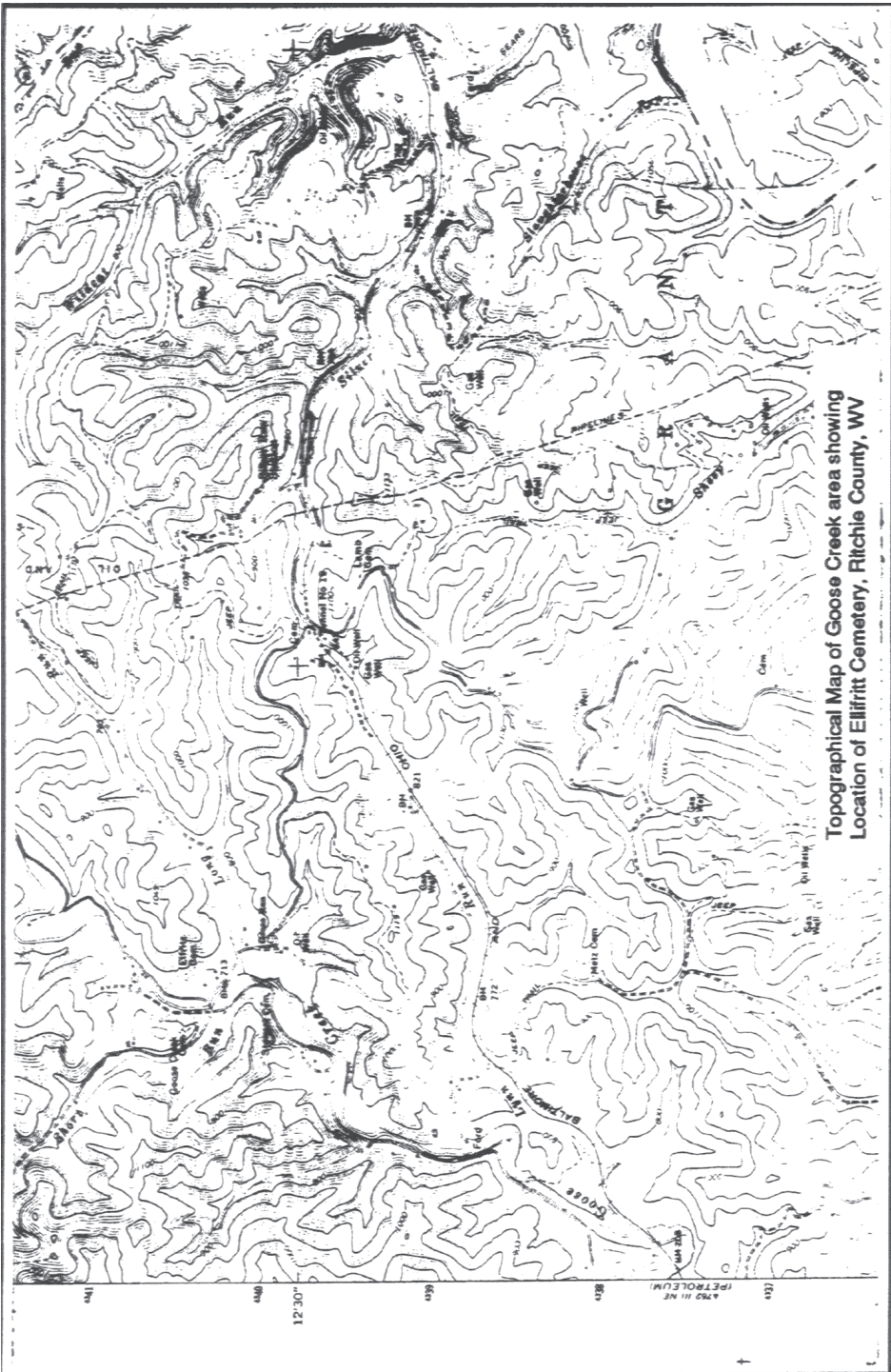
⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 145.

⁸ Barr Wilson, *The Descendants of John Wilson* (Parsons W.Va.: McClain Printing Co.: Barr Wilson Toll Gate WV 26442, 1975), p. 436.

⁹ Barr Wilson, *The Duckworth Family* (Unpublished, prior to 1980), p. 22.

¹⁰ Minnie Kendall Lowther, *History of Ritchie County* (Wheeling, W. Va.: Wheeling News Litho. Co., 1911), p. 145.

¹¹ Barr Wilson, *The Gregg Family* (Unpublished, 1980; typewritten copies placed in Ritchie Co. Library, Harrisville, W. Va. and Doddridge Co. Library, West Union, W. Va.



Chapter X

Joseph Dotson

Joseph Dotson, b. ca. 1796 in Virginia (probably Hampshire Co.) Proof that Joseph was a son of Richard Dotson, Sr. is contained in the application for membership to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Number 428763, filed by Hazel Seevers Beck July 23, 1953.

From the Index to compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served during the War of 1812 (National Archives); Joseph served as private in the Virginia Militia 6th Regiment (Coleman's) Aug-Dec. 1814.

This marriage in Harrison County: "8 Feb. 1821...Joseph Dotson & Ann Carey." (Her name Nancy Ann Carey).

Marriage Bonds in Harrison County: "That we, Joseph Dotson and Michael Carey, are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Mann Randolph, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the use of said commonwealth, in the sum of \$150.00; which payment will and truly be, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 8th day of Feb. 1821, Whereas marriage is suddenly intended to be had and solomnized between the above bound Joseph Dotson of lawful age and Ann Carey, dau. of said Michael. Now the condition of the said obligation is such that if there is no lawful cause or just impediment to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, also to remain in full force and virtue.

JOSEPH DOTSON

MICHAEL (X) CARY."

From the 1830 census of VA; Tyler County:

Joseph Dotson...Males, 1 under 5; 1 5-10; 1 30-40; 1 70-80. Females, 1 under 5; 1 5-10; 1 30-40. Family consisted of parents, two sons, two daughters; and male 70-80 years of age assumed to be Richard Dotson, Sr., father of Joseph Dotson. Note; a male 70-80 found in the household of Elisha Dotson in Wood County in the 1830 census, also assumed to be Richard Dotson Sr.; discrepancy not resolved; Richard may have been counted twice if he resided part time with both sons. In the 1840 census of Tyler Co., Richard was found by name, veteran of the Rev. War, in the household of his son James.

From the 1840 census of VA; Tyler County:

Joseph Dotson...Males, 1 5-10; 2 10-15; 1 40- 50. Females, 1 under 5; 2 5-10; 1 10-15; 1 15-20; 1 50-60. Family consisted of parents, three sons, four daughters.

In the Harrison Co. Court House, Clarksburg, W.Va.(Harrison Deeds Vol. 17 p. 307), a deed dated 24 Nov 1824 from Joseph Dotson and wife Nancy to Richard Dotson for 65 acres on Simpson's Creek. (This was Richard Dotson, Jr. Chapter 9)

Names appearing on deeds in Tyler County:

"1840...Joseph Dotson & Nancy Dotson." These two deeds prove that her first name was 'Nancy' and the latter deed proves that they both were living in 1840.

Joseph Dotson was reported to have died 11 April 1839 (see below) and is buried in the Arnold Creek Cemetery. Tombstone states, "Leaving companion and nine children to mourn his loss."

His father is buried on one side of him and his wife on the other side of him. There were markers but no monuments at their graves. In 1982, Gladys Cyphers Wilson, secured Richard Dotson's Revolutionary War tombstone and placed it at his grave. Gladys is a descendant of Thomas Dotson and Eliza Dotson. See Chap. XIV-11 Jason Dotson.

The date of 11 April 1839 given for Joseph's death however, is inconsistent with the following: (1) he was enumerated in the 1840 US census; (2) in the 1850 census his youngest son Joseph, 9 years of age, would place his birth year ca. 1841; and (3) he signed a deed on March 20, 1840, with his wife Nancy, conveying 150 acres of land in Tyler County to Ephraim Bee. This was the land granted to Joseph in 1838, located in the Duckworth area, and later owned by Henry Duckworth. For a complete description, the reader is referred to *Dotson Land Grants, 1804-1865* by James M. Dotson 1988, p. 62¹.

Subsequent to Joseph's death, his widow Nancy moved her family to Washington Co. Ohio. From the 1850 census, she and Joseph had lived in Ohio about 1833 where their son Samuel was born.

From the 1850 Census of Ohio; Washington Co, Newport township; Dwl 46 Fam. 47:

Nancy Dotson	50	F	Maryland	
Margaret	15	F	VA	att. sch.
Lucinda	12	F	VA	att. sch.
Eveline	19	F	VA	att. sch.
Michael	26	M	VA	laborer
Owen	23	M	VA	
Samuel	17	M	Ohio	
Joseph	9	M	VA	

Note: living in the same township, Dwl. 14 Fam. 14, in Newport township was William L. Dotson, son of Emanuel Sr. and Mary Redick Dotson. (Chap. VII-3).

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co. Central township; Dwl 107 Fam. 103; p. 8; in the household of Margaret Stuart;

Stuart Margaret	30	FW	Keeping house	\$400	VA
Jane B	9	FW	att. sch.		VA
Dotson Nancy	67	FW	at home		MD

This family was enumerated after William C. and Mary Jane Ellefrit, and preceding that of Israel N. and Louisa Jane Dotson, and William B. Dotson; all Dotson relatives.

Joseph and Nancy moved around a lot, as did their nine children; none were found in the 1880 census of West Virginia in Ritchie, Doddridge, Wood or adjacent counties.

Parents of nine children:

1.- Emily Jane Dotson, b. 1822	Chapter X-1
2.- Michael Carey Dotson, b. 1824-1826	X-2
3.- Owen M. Dotson, b. 1827	X-3
4.- Evaline Dotson, b 1831	X-4
5.- Mary Elizabeth Dotson, b. 1832	X-5
6.- Samuel Scott Dotson, b. 1833-1835	

7.- Margaret Dotson, b. 1835-1838	X-7
8.- Lucinda Dotson, b. 1837-1838	X-8
9.- Joseph Dotson, b. 1841	X-9

CHAPTER X-1

EMILY JANE DOTSON.

Emily Jane Dotson, b. 1 Jan. 1822: d. 1902 or 1904.

She m. Daniel Seevers. This marriage in Tyler County: "15 March 1840...Daniel Seevers & Emily Jane Dotson by Samuel Archibold."

(The following information on the Seevers family line was furnished by Mrs. Hazel Seevers Beck, Wichita, KS, a direct descendant of Emily Jane. "She (Emily Jane) met Daniel at Central Station, W. Va., where he was employed as a stage coach driver. She went with him to his people at Sistersville, W. Va. From Sistersville they went to Marietta, Ohio, where in 1839, their first child, Joseph, was born. From Marietta, Ohio, Emily Jane, Daniel, and the new baby, Ed Devolle and his son, Luthur Devolle, and possibly Emily's sister, Mary Elizabeth Dotson and others floated down the Ohio river in a boat to Wilson's Bottom, Ky., as did many who first settled Kentucky.

It is thought that Ed (Devolle) was killed on this trip, or on his way back; and that Mary Elizabeth Dotson met her future husband, John M. Tucker, at Wilson's Bottom. Millard Fillmore Seevers said, "they lived in Vanceburg, Ky., in early days."

The Seevers departed from Wilson Bottom, Ky., crossed over the Ohio to Manchester, Ohio as early as August 1844.

In the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery were buried several of Emily and Daniel's children. In 1960, Mrs. Hazel Beck and her husband, brought the Charles Seevers slab monument home with them. The monuments were being broken up and the Cemetery done away with."

Daniel Seevers was a part time Christian circuit preacher, preaching in Manchester, Rome, and maybe in Wilson Bottoms, Ky. He was paid monthly in food. In those days they had, what they called "pound" parties to pay the preacher.

An excerpt from a letter to Anna Shumate* dated 7 May 1931 signed Harvey Seevers** "...the man who started out to seek our "claim" states; "I found the missing link, Zachariah Dotson and his home. From this point I could see across the road in the Long Run where grandma Emily Jane Seevers was baptized into the Christian Church; and a spot where a pile of logs were piled up by the falling trees where grandma stood calling the cows, and looking down into the logs, she saw a big panther crouching watching her."

In 1844, the Seevers moved from Manchester, Ohio to Parkersburg., Va. Millard Fillmore Seevers was baptized in the Ohio River at Rome, Ohio, by his father, Daniel.

Daniel was a gentle man, but Millard said he preached two hour sermons. He kept a watchful watch on his children, seated in the front pew, and woe to the one who giggled or wiggled."

*Anna Lovisa Tucker Shumate, dau. of Mary Elizabeth Dotson Tucker (Chapter X-5). Author of three letters to Bureau of Pensions, filed in Richard Dotson pension file #No. S. 5364:

June 28, 1930 To Pension Off. Washington DC "Will you please let me have copies

of—you have in connection with the service record of Richard Dotson a soldier probably of Maryland who served either in the Am. Rev. or war of 1812. This is needed to expedite the settlement of an old estate. Pledge.....”

Reply July 9. Jas. T. Thornton 5 Marshall Ave. Brentwood, Md. Office of Comm. of Prohibition. “History of Richard Dotson Service sent.”

“July 10, 1930 Mrs. Anna L Shumate to Bureau of Pensions; Could you give me any information in regard to these two; Richard Dotson and Richard Carey [reply; none]; both of whom was in either Revolutionary or 1812 war. Hope you can send us their records. We understand they each received 160 acres of gov. land at that time which lies in the city of Baltimore Md. Mrs. Anna L Shumate 3561 Paxton Ave. Hyde Park Cincinnati Ohio.”

Letter from Mrs. Anna L Shumate 5443 Madison Rd. Madisonville Cincinnati, Ohio. To Vet. Adm. Bureau of Pensions Washington, C. 5-12-1931.: “Some time ago you sent to me the Indian War Record of Richard Dotson. there is one more thing. I would like you to send me the date when his pension stopped or date of death. So many of our old family papers have been lost and I am trying to get the date of his death; the record you sent is OK thank you. PS Could you have any record of Elisha Dotson [reply; none] of 1812 War.”

Reply : “Hist. of Richard Dotson service Ltr. Aug. 12, 1930. Last record of pay 4th March 1834 to 4th Sept 1837 N. W. Bank of Va.; transferred to Wheeling.”

**Harvey Seevers, (7.- a. below).

They were the parents of 12 children:

1.- Joseph J. Dotson Seevers, b. 21 Jan. 1839, Washington Co., Marietta, Ohio; d. 3 Oct 1922 or 1924.

He m. 30 June 1867, Tillie K. Smith. Marriage record Wood Co. She b. 22 Aug 1859, Parkersburg, W.Va.

They had five children:

a.- Columbia Seevers, b. 21 April 1868; m. Bessie Hahn. Both dead by 1911.

b.- Phebe J. Seevers, b. 20 July 1870 or 12 July 1870; d. 12 Feb 1916. She m. Thomas Sager. He d. 9 Aug 1941, age 69 years.

Four children:

1.- Vern Sager, b. 28 Oct 1900. Not m. in 1958.

2.- Raymond Sager, b. 1 July 1902.

3.- Iola Sager, b. June 1905; d. June 1919.

4.- Ella Sager, b. Sept 1909; d. 1957 or 1958

c.- Bert Seevers, b. 31 Jan 1874; d. 1931. Bert Seevers, m. (2) Vonda Doak Cain who was living in Sherman, W.Va. in 1959. See *The Doak Family* ², p. 30.

d.- John W. Seevers, b. 15 Aug 1877 or Jan 1877; m. Ella Flynn.

e.- Henretta Seevers, b. 22 Jan 1882. Called “Etta.” She m. Edward Sams. Living in Titusville, Fla. in 1955.

2.- Katherine Ann Seevers, b. 25 Oct 1842 at Bridgeport, W.Va; d. 12 Sept 1925 at her dau’s. Nan’s home, Los Angeles, Ca., buried Inglewood Ca.

She m. (1) 5 June 1861 in Manchester, Ohio, Charles E. Rinear. He was b. 21 June 1832, Cranberry, N.J.; d. 30 May 1891 in Kansas City, Kan., at Millard Fillmore Seevers home. Buried Appleton City, Mo. Kate, m. (2) Mr. Remick; m. (3) Mr. Brownlee.

Parents of three children by 1st husband:

a.- Nancy "Nannie" Jane Rinear, b. 15 April 1868 in Manchester, Ohio. She m. 27 May 1891, Walter Lambers, at Lawrence, Kansas. He d. 25 Nov 1965 at his dau's., Rhea's home. Buried Inglewood Cemetery, Inglewood, Ca. Parents of three children:

1.- Lucille Lambers, b. 1892, m(1) Cecil Shaver. Three children:

(1) Lois Shaver, b. 1912.

(2) Walter Shaver, b. 1914; m.; three children.

(3) Janet Shaver, b. 1921.

1.- Lucille Lambers, m (2) Cecil Brown, b. 1929. One child:

(4) Gordon Brown, b. 1929.

2.- Francis Lambers, b. 1904; m. Olga _____. Francis Lambers was paralyzed the last 14 years of his life. He had been a commercial artist for Walt Disney Studios. He said, "the hardest thing was not to be able to transmit his ideas into drawings." He d. 20 Aug 1967. Two children:

(1) Francis Rinear Lambers, b. 1918.

(2) Nancy Katheryn Lambers, b. 1920; m. with 3 children.

3.- Rhea Iola Lambers, b. 1900, Los Angeles, Ca., m. (1) Lee Stuart Renfroe, 1 Jan 1921. (Her D.A.R. #89865.) Four children:

(1) Marilyn Elyse Renfroe, b. 1 March 1922; m. Nov 1940, Nicholas Mangan, Jr. They have; Lee "Billy" Mangan. Not married 1974; and Linda Mangan, m. (1) Bob _____. Divorced 1967. One son. m. (2) _____. One son. m. (3) in 1971.

(2) Rhea Lois Renfroe (twin), b. 1 Jan 1924, Los Angeles, CA. She m. April 1947, James Speir Beacon.

(3) Lee Stuart Renfroe (twin), b. 1 Jan 1924; m. Jan. 1949, Vivian Laird, Tanglewood, Ca. Teacher.

(4) Eula Lorene Renfroe, b. 30 Oct 1926, Los Angeles, CA. On Jan 1944, m. (1) Walter James Cook. He was in WWII stationed on Guam. They have; John Francis Douglas Cook, b. 6 Dec 1947. Served in Korean War.

(4) Eula Lorene Renfroe, m. (2) June 1949 in Los Angeles, Robert Henry Lord.

(4) Eula Lorene Renfroe, m. (3) 24 Aug 1959, Jesse William Knight. They have; David Knight and a daughter.

3.- Rhea Iola Lambers, m. (2) 21 June 1941, William Tope.

b.- Thomas Carey Rinear, b. Marietta, Ohio; m. (1) and one child.

1.- Jaunita Rinear, m. Joe ____.

b.- Thomas Carey Rinear, m. (2) Lillie ____.

b.- He m. (3) Olga ____.

Died in Texas.

c.- Ed F. Rinear, b. 19 Oct 1877, Manchester, Ohio. Died in Texas, 30 April 1893. Buried Appleton City, MO.

3.- Michael McDermit Seevers, b. 1844 Manchester, Ohio. Tombstone states, 18 Aug 1850...9 Sept 1845 (Note...These dates must be reversed.)

4.- Charles Minor Seevers, b. 26 June 1846; d. 21 Sept 1850. Buried Manchester, Ohio. Tombstone, age 4 years...3 months.

5.- John Thompson Seevers, b. 24 Jan. 1848 d. 5 April 1904. He m. 19 May 1879, Ida Burr. She d. at her dau., Beulah Shoemaker's home in Columbus, Ohio. He was a pilot, promoted to mate, then to captain on a river boat. Later a merchant, but he always loved the river. Parents of six children:

a.- Lelah May Seevers, b. 27 March 1881; d. 29 March 1962; m. C. Ernest Wamsley (1882-1963). When he retired he was manager Farm Bureau for State of Ohio. Retired 1952. Arthritis. Both buried Portsmouth, Ohio. Three children:

1.- Ernestine Wamsley, b. 18 Nov 1905 or '06; m. Henry Tipton, b. 19 July 1905. Three children:

(1) Joy Tipton, b. 10 Sept 1932; m. Had three children.

2.- Beulah Grace Wamsley, b. 10 Feb 1908. B.A., Ohio State Univ. Teaching Athens, Ohio. She m. 1968, Joseph Major. He is a certified accountant, B.A., Ohio State.

3.- Meredith Lillian Wamsley, b. 31 Oct 1910; m. Rudy Vojak. Both attended Ohio State Univ. Two children:

(1) A child.

(2) Christopher J. Vojak, b. 4 Dec 1951.

b.- Horace Daniel Seevers, 1882-1883.

c.- Harry William Seevers, b. 18 April 1866. Lived two days.

d.- Raymond Earl Seevers, b. 9 Sept. 1887. He married twice. Both wives died. He d. 1956 at old soldiers home, Dayton, Ohio of wounds received in WWI.

e.- Beulah G. Seevers, b. July 1891, Ripley, Ohio. She m. Charles Shoemaker, b. 8 Jan 1890; d. 9 June 1947 of a heart attack. Worked N.Y. Central R. R. Three children:

1.- Dr. Byrl R. Shoemaker, b. 5 Oct 1918; m. Dorothy Curran, b. 20 Oct 1919. Ph. D. from Ohio State Univ. Vocational Director State of Ohio. One child:

(1) Judith Lee Shoemaker, m. Edward Johnson. Attended Ohio State Univ. They had; A child; Gary D. Shoemaker, m. Donna Lou Munford 1962 and had; Sheri Lou Shoemaker and Lori Shoemaker

2.- Kenneth Eugene Shoemaker, b. 6 Oct 1921, Columbus, Ohio. Air Force WWII. Attended Otterbein College. He m. June 1943, Geraldine Gibbs.

3.- Charles Earnest Shoemaker, b. 20 July 1924. Attended Ohio State Univ. Sergeant in Air Force in WWII. He m. (1) Ruth Moffit. She b. 1943. Died in childbirth.

3.- Charles Earnest Shoemaker, m. (2) Esther Drilling. She b. 1926. Parents of three children:

(1) Charles Kenneth Shoemaker, b. Dec 1949. Attended Ohio State Univ. 1968.

(2) James Eugene Shoemaker, b. 1951.

(3) Mona Lee Shoemaker, b. 1952.

f.- Ralph Morrison Seevers, b. Nov 1892; d. heart attack Feb. 1966. He m. Sarah Hickman, b. 1921, Portsmouth, Ohio. Two children:

1.- Ralph Clinton Seevers, b. Oct 1924; m. Marjorie Wells, 1947 in Portsmouth, Ohio. Army WWII. Two children:

(1) Katherine Seevers.

(2) Swan Seevers.

2.- Robert Seevers, b. 1931; m. Jeloma Spearry in Portsmouth, Ohio in 1946. Two children:

(1) Jeffrey Seevers, b. 1962.

(2) Robert J. Seevers, b. 1959.

6.- Americus Columbus Seevers, b. 17 April 1851; d. 14 March 1856. Buried Manchester, Ohio.

7.- Henry Timothy Newcome Seevers, b. 2 Sept 1854, Manchester, Ohio.

He d. 30 June 1881. He m. Georgie Ann Scott. He was killed when a boiler on a boat, exploded on the Ohio river. Two children:

a.- Harvy Clinton Seevers, b. 23 July 1878, Manchester, Ohio. He m. 22 March 1908, Catherine Cahill Quellen. She b. 29 May 1886. He should have the credit for gathering Dotson, Seevers and Carey information.

Parents of four children:

1.- John Seevers, b. 1911, Manchester, Ohio.

2.- Bob Seevers, b. 1921.

3.- Bill Seevers, b. 1925

4.- A boy...died at 9 months.

b.- Jessie Irene Seevers, b. 3 June 1880; m. Leslie Julian.

8.- Margaret Eveline Seevers, b. 17 May 1856; d. 11 March 1857. Buried Manchester, Ohio.

9.- Millard Fillmore Seevers, b. 6 Dec. 1858, Manchester, Ohio. Died 14 Oct 1948. He m. 30 April 1882 to Laura Armanda Pruette. She b. April 1882 near Indianapolis, IN, 18 Feb 1912. Both buried Greenwood Cemetery, Eureka, Kansas. He lived with his daughter Hazel Beck, Wichita Kansas. Three children:

a.- Nina Leicester Seevers, b. 11 Feb 1883; d. 14 April 1965; m. 1 Dec 1906, Thomas W. Rush in Eureka, Kansas. Both buried Eureka, Kansas. One child:

1.- Clayton J. Rush, b. 4 March 1911, Eureka, Kansas; d. 28 Aug 1925. Buried Eureka, Kansas.

b.- Lillian Seevers, b. Kansas City, Kansas, 14 Nov 1891; d. 12 Dec 1895. Buried Wyandotte Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas.

c.- Hazel Seevers, b. 1 March 1902, Kansas City, Kansas. Will be buried Eureka, Kansas. She m. (1) 27 July 1921, Wichita, Kansas, Samuel J. Beasore, b. 20 July 1900, Scammon, Kansas. Divorced 25 May 1923. One child:

1.- Peggy Jean Beasore, b. Wichita, Kansas, 30 April 1922. Attended Wichita Univ. She m. 16 April 1944, Raymond W. Brinkoeter; b. 24 Jan 1918, San Antonio, Texas. Two children:

(1) Elizabeth Ann Brinkoeter, b. 5 Jan 1945, Wichita, Kansas. She m. 9 June 1967 Wayne Leslie Pritz, b. 26 Sept 1944. They have; Janel Pritz, b. Edwards Air Force Hospital 27 October 1941.

(2) Rae Jean Brinkoeter, b.1 Sept. 1947, Beeville, Texas. She m. 1 June

1970, Andrew Hiram Todd, b. 8 Oct 1943. They have; Titus Nathan Todd, b. 5 May 1973, Dallas, Texas.

c.- Hazel Seevers, m. (2) 17 July 1925, Roy Layton Beck. One child:

1.- Kenneth Filmore Beck, b. 21 May 1926 He m. 1 Sept 1949 at Lawrence, Kansas, Sarah Blanch Werlein, b. 13 Oct 1928. They have three children:

(1) Kenneth Layton Beck, b. 17 Jan 1952

(2) Daniel Richard Beck, b. 10 May 1958

(3) Martha Louise Beck, b. 26 Feb 1961

10.- Daniel Lincoln Seevers, b. 14 Feb. 1861. Died 1941. He m., in South Parkersburg, W.Va., Mollie H. Freeman, b. 8 July 1867; d. 28 July 1951. Both buried Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas. Parents of two children:

a.- Zelma B. Seevers, b. 20 Jan 1889, South Parkersburg, W.Va.

She m. 4 Oct 1908, Clarence C. Fiscus. He d. 4 Oct 1972 in Dallas, at his son, Raymond's home. Parents of eight children:

1.- Jaunita Tlythia Fiscus, b. 22 Aug 1910; m. Hurchel Swanson 15 June 1929.

One child: (1) Joann Swanson, b. 5 Aug 1932.

2.- Manuel I. Fiscus, b. 11 Nov 1912; m. Josephine Turk, April 1935. She b. 17 Jan 1910. Six children:

(1) Norma Jean Fiscus, b. 1936.

(2) Mary Ann Fiscus, b. 1938; m. Roger French, Nov 1955.

(3) Velma Marie Fiscus, b. 1 April 1941.

(4) Manuel Fiscus, b. 27 July 1944.

(5) David Eugene Fiscus, b. 1949.

(6) Paul Allen Fiscus, b. 14 March 1954.

3.- Don Lincoln Fiscus, b. 14 March 1914; m. Edna May Phillips. Two children:

(1) Doneda Fiscus, b. 6 Feb 1940.

(2) Denise Fiscus, b. 17 March 1954.

4.- Marjorie A. Fiscus, b. 5 Aug 1917; m. Kenchel, 18 May 1935. Three children:

(1) Thomas R. Kenchel, b. 18 Sept 1939.

(2) Jerry Gale Kenchel, b. 2 Sept 1945.

(3) Marie Elaine Kenchel, b. 28 Dec 1958.

5.- Nellie Garland Fiscus, b. 29 Sept 1919, Mountain View, Mo. She m. William Morgan, 4 June 1937.

6.- Clarence Dale Fiscus, b. 13 Oct 1922; m. Ruth Underwood. Three children:

(1) Diana Fiscus, b. 9 Sept 1942.

(2) Erick Gale Fiscus, b. 6 Oct 1947.

(3) Timothy Allen Fiscus, b. 15 May 1950.

7.- Raymond W. Fiscus, b. 19 Sept 1921; m. (1) Betty Watson, 10 Jan. 1947. One child: (1) Randall W. Fiscus, b. 4 Jan 1____.

7.- Raymond W. Fiscus, m. (2) Josephine Hardaway, Jan 1953. She was a widow, with her son, Tony Lee Ward. Three children:

(2) Mark William Fiscus, b. 6 March 1954.

(3) Tracy Lynn Fiscus, b. 1957.

(4) Tina Lorraine Fiscus, b. 1959.

8.- James Willard Fiscus, b. 19 Jan 1946; m. Marie Miller, 4 Feb 1946. One child:

(1) James Lou Fiscus, b. 5 Aug 1947.

b.- Julia Wynona Seevers, b. Parkersburg, W.Va., 8 Dec 1894. She d. 31 July 1972. Buried Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo. She m. Willard Dutton Scherff, Wyandotte Co., Kansas City, Kan. He b. 14 July 1894. Three children:

1.- Willard Scherff, Jr., b. 15 Aug 1913; m. Raynette Eagle, July 1939. She b. 1917. One child:

(1) Carol Ann Scherf, b. 2 Jan 1942; m. Kenneth Ward, b. 4 July 1939. They have; David K. Ward, b. 23 Dec 1959 and Susan Renetta Ward, b. 27 Sept. 1952.

2.- David Eugene Scherff, b. 27 July 1919; m. Evangelyn Ruth Nehlessen in 1943. Three children:

(1) David Richard Scherff, b. & d. March 1944.

(2) Kristin Scherff, b. 6 Oct 1955.

(3) Dutton Scherff, b. 28 Dec 1961.

3.- Rhea Lois Scherff, b. 1 Dec 1923; m. Floys Robert Gile, 10 March 1943. Four children:

(1) Gary Verne Gile, b. 7 Jan 1944.

(2) Ricky Gale Gile, b. 22 May 1946; m. 29 July 1946??. They have; Ricky Gile, Jr., b. 6 Sept 1966.

(3) Reggie Lee Gile, b. Dec 1946.

(4) Julia Ann Gile, b. 20 Dec 1954; m. Louis Elliott Gilbert, 2 Nov 1974.

11.- Samuel Rosancrans Seevers, b. 21 March 1863...d. Nov.1908. He m. Jennie R. Wigal of South Parkersburg, W.Va., 13 July 1886. Both buried Tracewell Cemetery, Parkersburg, W.Va. Four children:

a.- Aroma Blanch Seevers, b. 8 Jan 1888; d. 7 Oct 1904.

b.- Bervia Eula Seevers, b. 1 June 1891; d. 7 March 1897.

c.- Lee Glen Seevers, b. 25 Sept 1901; d. 1969. He owned the Seevers Printing Co., Marietta, Ohio in 1959. No children.

d.- Dono Verne Seevers, b. 26 Aug 1902. No children.

12.- Frances Olive (surname unknown). Reared with these children and greatly loved.

CHAPTER X-2.

MICHAEL CAREY DOTSON.

Michael Carey Dotson, b. 1824-1826; d. 8 Aug 1907. Buried at Pittsburgh. He was a tall man with blue eyes. He m. Sarah Ann Cain. He served in the Civil War. Parents of two children:

1.- Mary E. Dotson, b. Marietta, Ohio 1852; d. 1881. Buried Volcano, W.Va. Unmarried.

2.- Nancy Ann Dotson, b. 2 Feb 1856; d. April 1887. She m. L. A. "Billy" Henderson. They had six children:

a.- William G. Henderson, b. 12 June 1873; d. 13 April 1873.

b.- Mary Luella Henderson, b. 21 Feb 1874; d. 19 Dec 1878.

c.- Laura Ethel Henderson, b. 5 May 1876; d. 23 Dec 1878.

d.- Pearlie Henderson, b. March 1880.

e.- Sally Heywood Henderson, b. 1 Dec.1878; d. 30 Aug 1962. She m. W. A. Dollman, d. ca 1960. She d. 30 Aug 1962. Had six children; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

f.- Delbert Carey Henderson, b. 22 June ____ ; d. 27 April 1892.

After these children were born, Nancy Ann Dotson Henderson died. 'Billy' Henderson, m (2) Frances Olive _____. (Probably Aumiller). No proof. She b. 1859. They had four children:

g.- Odessa Blanche Henderson, d. three days old.

h.- Hadie Henderson, b. 1 June 1891; m. Jess M. Leach, Parkersburg, W.Va., b. 17 Sept. 1887...d. 19 June 1970. Two children:

1.- Ruth Ann Leach, b. 6 March 1921; m. Crandell M. Hunt. Two boys and two girls almost grown in 1960.

2.- Pauline Fay Leach, b. 18 Feb 1923; m. Howard Swain. Both girls live in Texas. One child:

(1) William F. Swain, b. 2 ____.

i.- Virginia Henderson, b. 1897 m. Harry E. Mollendick b. 7 Oct 1894...d. March 1967. Two children:

1.- James Bolton Mollendick, b. 1920.

2.- Joseph Edward Mollendick, b. 10 July 1925. Minister in Christian Church in 1970.

j.- Mildred Henderson, b. 10 Oct 1897; m. Rolla A. Johnson, b. 10 May 1893...d. 1970. Four children:

1.- Frances Johnson, b. 1921.

2.- Eleanor Johnson (twin), b. 10 Jan 1919.

3.- Rolla A. Johnson (twin), b. 10 Jan 1919.

4.- Betty Jo Johnson, b. 16 Feb 1921; m. Eugene Brees.

CHAPTER X-3.

OWEN M. DOTSON.

Owen M. Dotson, b. Clarksburg, W.Va., 28 March 1827; d. 15 May 1915. He m., 3 Oct. 1849 Nancy Jane Joy at Parkersburg, W.Va. She b. 1840?... d. 2 Feb 1905. He was a druggist, undertaker, minister of the Christian Church; and when he returned from service in the Civil War, he became a surgeon, having helped with surgery in the war.

According to an old letter, Nancy Jane Joy and Jake Henderson's wife were sisters. The Hendersons lived at one time in Reno, Ohio and Emily Jane Dotson stayed with them for awhile. Rhea Lambers says Owen Dotson was b. 2 Feb 1824 and d. 15 May 1916 at Hutchinson, Kansas. Parents of five children:

1.- John J. Dotson, b. Noble Co., Ohio, 20 Nov 1851. Burned to death when a powder factory exploded. Married and lived in Columbus, Ohio in 1908.

2.- Mary Evaline Dotson, b. 11 June 1853 in Noble Co., Ohio. Lived in Florida or Illinois in 1908.

3.- Cindonia "Lucinda" Dotson, b. Eaton Station, W.Va., 31 March 1856. She m. a Mr. Spence, who d. in 1906.

4.- Alice M. Dotson, b. 29 March 1859 Pikes Peak, Brown Co., Ind. She m. a Mr. Jordon. Lived in Chafin, Kansas in 1908.

5.- Josephine Ellen Dotson, b. 20 Oct 1861, Pikes Peak, Ind. She m. (1) 31 July 1884 in Morgantown, W.Va., Howard Everett Sherwood. She d. 1905. He d. 5 April 1881. Parents of one child:

a.- Everett C. Sherwood, b. 29 Sept 1878???. Not m. in 1931. He was a plant pathologist for the State of W.Va., with headquarters at the College of Agriculture, Morgantown, W.Va.

5.- Josephine Ellen Dotson, m. (2) W. T. King, a minister. He b. 13 July 1844. Parents of three children:

b.- Harry C. King, b. 1 Jan 1887; m. Elma _____. He was a circuit preacher and in 1908 was a banker. Two children:

1.- Bernard King, b. 1914.

2.- Aclcideea King, b. 1916. Baptized by her father.

c.- Ralph W. King, b. 18 Feb 1887 or 1893.

d.- William Bruce King, b. 10 Dec 1900.

CHAPTER X-4

EVALINE DOTSON

Evaline Dotson, b. 1831; m. Joe Martin. Lived in Parkersburg, W.Va. One child:

1.- Ruth Martin, m. Mr. Trickett.

CHAPTER X-5.

MARY ELIZABETH DOTSON.

Mary Elizabeth Dotson, b. Hagerstown, Md.?, 18 July 1832; d. 30 July 1935.(105 yrs. ?) She m. John M. Tucker (10 Oct 1903). Six children:

1.- Evaline Tucker, b. Adams Co., Manchester, Ohio; 5 July 1830?.. d. 3 Sept. 1851.

2.- David Tucker, b. Manchester, Ohio; 31 Aug. 1853; d. 3 Nov 1854.

3.- Margaret Jane Tucker, b. Manchester, Ohio, 16 April 1858; d. 3 March 1859.

4.- Ann Louvisa Tucker, b. 11 Sept. 1855, Manchester, Ohio ; d. 30 July 1935 ?. She m. 11 Nov. 1890, Perry Hayslip Shumate, b. 19 Nov. 1846... d. 3 March 1919. Parents of six children:

a.- Lizzie Agatha Shumate, b. & d. 6 July 1891.

b.- John Caldwell Shumate, b. 31 March 1894; d. 1 Feb 1902.

c.- Perry Dotson Shumate, b. 13 March 1900; d. 28 July 1900.

d.- Clyde Chase Shumate, b. 7 April 1903; d. 7 July 1927. All four children d. in Hamilton Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

e.- Anastasia Shumate, b. 29 Aug 1892; m. Clifford E. Rhode 14 Aug. 1918. Two children:

1.- Anastasia Delores Rhode, b. 1 Nov 1919; m. Edwin Libby.

2.- Clifta Ann Rhode, b. 31 Aug 1929; m. 17 June 1955, James T. Cochran. One child:

(1) Clifford James Cochran, b. 28 Feb 1958.

f.- Atlanta Deborah "Debbie" Shumate, b. 4 Sept 1896; m. 15 June 1932, William Raymond Cutler. No children. Living in Deland, Fla. in 1971.

5.- Lizzie Scott Tucker, b. 22 Dec 1862 Adams Co., Ohio; d. 21 June 1931. She m. Sept 1864?, George McClelland Chase, who d. 24 Feb 1887. Parents of one child:

a.- Anna Leash Chase, b. 17 Dec. 1888. She m. (1) 15 Aug. 1914, Earl Wheeler. He d. 17 Nov 1939. Three children:

1.- Joe Chase Wheeler, b. 14 Sept 1916; m. _____. Two children:

(1) Linda Joe Wheeler.

(2) Marguerite Ann Wheeler.

2.- Wanda M. Wheeler, b. 1 Jan 1891; m. 26 Oct 1921, S. Meckling, M.D. One child:

(1) June Elizabeth Meckling, b. 9 March 1926; m. 26 May 1949, Jack Mumsell. They have; Curtis Mumsel and George Mumsel.

3.- Frances Wheeler, b. 20 Nov 1900. Adopted.

a.- Anna Leash Chase, m. (2) Mr. Lanfstaff.

6.- Lucinda Devol Tucker, b. 1869; d. 1882.

CHAPTER X-6.

SAMUEL SCOTT DOTSON.

Samuel Scott Dotson, b. 9 March 1835 Washington Co., Ohio . He d. 4 Feb. 1916 at Lincoln, Neb.; buried Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Neb. He m. 4 Feb. 1846(?) Susan M. Reeves at Marietta, Ohio. She was sister of Rebecca Reeves Smith. One child:

1.- Richard Waldo Dotson, b. 21 Oct 1867 Marietta, Ohio. He moved to Nebraska and m. Georgie Bartrum. Five children:

a.- Etta Merle Dotson, m. and had one or two children.

b.- William Clarence Dotson, b. 21 Nov 1872 Marietta, Ohio; d. 11 Feb 1953. He m. Hannah "Tillie" _____. He was a Consulting Engineer on the Panama Canal. One child:

1.- Florence Dotson.

c.- Etta Dotson, b. Lincoln, Neb, 14 Aug. 1878 or 21 July 1878; d. 1 July 1895.

d.- Charles Pitt Dotson, b. 1 Sept. 1882. He m. _____. Living Los Angeles, Ca. in 1931.

e.- Hattie Mae Dotson, b. 15 Sept 1889 Bethany, Neb; d. 1 July 1967. She m. Jake Bunch. They lived at 3056 Roswell St., Los Angeles, Ca. in 1967, where Hattie died.

One child:

1.- Pauline Bunch, m. _____. They have children and lived in Los Angeles, Ca. in 1967.

CHAPTER X-7.

MARGARET DOTSON.

Margaret Dotson, b. 1838 (b. ca. 1835-36 per 1850 census); on 23 Nov 1859 m. Lee Howard, a rebel. They lived at Eaton Station, about 15 miles east of Parkersburg, W.Va.

This marriage in Doddridge County: "23 Nov. 1859...Margaretta Dotson, 21...single...b. Tyler Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Joseph & Nancy Dotson; & Lewis L. Howard, 21...single...b. Marshall Co...res. Tyler Co...Parents, Samuel M. and Charlotte." Two children:

1.- A girl who m. Mr. Clemans and lived in Elkins, W.Va.

2.- A girl who m. and had three or four boys.

CHAPTER X-8.

LUCINDA DOTSON.

Lucinda Dotson, b. 7 June 1837 Marietta, Ohio; d. 6 Aug 1907. She m. 1855, Edward Devol of Marietta, Ohio. She is buried at Marietta, Ohio. Seven children:

1.- Fannie Devol, m. J. H. Watson. One child:

a.- Esther Watson, m. Mr. Jarboe.

2.- Arfaxia "Fax" Devol, m. Fannie Johnson. He was a policeman in Marietta, Ohio. He was well liked and remembered. Three children:

a.- Eva Devol, m. Mr. Cooper of Gary, Ind.

b.- Lulu Devol, m. Mr. Martin of Pittsburgh, Pa. Died 1930.

c.- Fax Devol, b. Gary, Ind.

3.- Edward H. Devol of Fort Stockton, Texas. He m. Loretta Oneal.

4.- Arthur Devol, b. Marietta, Ohio; m. Stella Parker. Four children:

a.- Mildred Devol, m. Mr. Lapham of Akron, Ohio.

b.- Blanche Devol, m. Mr. Bookman of Bray, W.Va.

c.- Audry Devol.

d.- George Devol.

5.- Clara Devol, deceased in 1930.

6.- Luthur Devol, b. Waterford, Ohio; m. Dora McKibbin.

7.- Helen E. Devol, Marietta, Ohio; m. Alice McAvery. Five children:

(The children have the name "Devol." Helen must be a man).

a.- Dewey Devol, Marietta, Ohio.

b.- Hazel Devol, m. Mr. Huggins of Wheeling, W.Va.

c.- Gertrude Devol, deceased 1930.

d.- Grace Devol, m. Mr. Cassidy of Marietta, Ohio.

e.- Robert L. Devol, Marietta, Ohio.

CHAPTER X-9.

JOSEPH DOTSON.

Joseph Dotson, b. 1841 (from 1850 census). He m. Aura E. Dotson. They lived and died in Akron Ohio. Four children:

1.- Harry Dotson, b. 5 March 1866.

2.- Joseph Dotson, b. 1870; d. 1903. Died of leakage of the heart.

3.- Walker Dotson, b. 1872.

4.- Syleana Dotson, b. 1895.

Notes: Chapter 10

¹ James M. Dotson *Dotson Land Grants (1895-1865) in the Present Day Counties of Ritchie, Doddridge, and Tyler West Virginia*, 1988; p. 62.

² B. E. Hanes, *Doak Family History and Genealogy* (Clarksburg W. Va.:The Exponent Job Shop, 1931), p. 30.

Chapter XI

James Dotson

James Dotson, Sr., b. 1797, probably in Hampshire Co., Va. d. 1869. Proof that James was the son of Richard Dotson, Sr. is contained in the death register of James (d. 1869), where his father's name was given as "Richard Dotson"; see below. Additionally, in the census for Tyler County in 1840, Richard was enumerated (by name) as a Revolutionary War pensioner, living in the household of James Dotson.

From the index to compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served during the War of 1812 (National Archives): James Dotson served as private; 5 Regiment Va. Militia; 6 Regiment Va. Militia. Lieut. Col. Dickinson, Lieut. Col. Scott and Lieut. Col. Coleman.

He m. ca 1816 or 1817, Lucinda Clevis; b. 1796.

From two later censuses, in which the birth place of their oldest child Deborah, b. ca. 1822, was given as Ohio, it may be concluded that James and Lucinda lived for a time in the state of Ohio prior to settling in the Long Run/Deep Valley areas of Arnold Creek, then in Tyler County.

From Doddridge Co. Deaths, Vol. 3, p. 16: "Dotson, James, male, d. Apr. 12, 1869, Doddridge Co.; age 76y 8m 5d; farmer, married; b. Pennsylvania; parents; *Richard Dotson*; informant M. (Mathias) Dotson, son"

From the 1830 census of VA; Tyler County:

DOTSON, JAMES...males, 1 under 5; 1 5-10; 1 30-40: females, 1 under 5; 2 10-15; 1 30-40. This gives a family of 2 sons and 3 daughters in 1830.

From the 1840 census of VA; Tyler County:

DOTSON, JAMES...males, 2 under 5; 1 5-10 ; 1 15-20; 1 40-50; 1 80-90. females, 1 under 5: 2 5-10; 1 10-15; 1 40-50.

This gives a family of 4 sons and 4 daughters and it shows, his father, Richard Dotson, Sr. (by name as Rev. War pensioner) living with the family.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County:

Dotson, James (farmer)	born in Virginia	53
Lucinda	born in Virginia	54
Deborah	born in Ohio	28
Mathias	born in Virginia	25
Phebe		17
James		15
Benjamin		12

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge County (p. 120) DwI. 826 Fam. 827:

James Dotson	64	M	Farmer	\$600 \$20	VA	can't read or write
Lucinda	64	F			VA	can't read or write
James Jr.	26	M			VA	
Debora	38	F			VA	
Wm. Ceders	12	M			VA	

Names appearing on deeds in Tyler County:

1826 Nov. Tyler Co. Court Robt. Patrick to James Dotson, 50 a. Long Run of Tyler Co.

1828...James Dotson to Samuel Jones deed for 50 acres on Long Run.

1835...James Dotson & Lucindy Dotson

1843, 25 Nov....Tyler Deeds 9, 419. To Robert Doak, Eleazer Freeman and Zachariah Dotson, Trustees for the use and benefit of the Church of Christ...1 acre and 30 poles. Signed James (his mark) Dotson and Lucindy (her mark) Dotson.

The Arnold Creek Church of Christ church-house was built on this lot and is still being used (1988). For a further description of this land and a photo of the church building, please refer to *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865)* by James M. Dotson 1988, p. 60 and 74.¹

1845, serving on the First Grand Jury of Doddridge Co....James Dotson member.

In the June 1826 Court of Tyler County; "Mariah Dotson Plaintiff against James Dotson Defendant. In Tresspass (*sic*) Assault and Battery. This day came the parties by their attorneys and by consent an award of the matters in controversy between the parties made by John Kinny and Chas Williamson is filed to which arbitrament (*sic*) as aforesaid the parties submit. Therefore it is considered by the court that in accordance to the award aforesaid this suit be dismissed and that the plaintiff recover of the defendant the sum of eight dollars and fifty cents and also her costs by her expended in the prosecution of the suit in this behalf; Att. \$2.50, Clk \$3.39, Tax \$1.00, Shff. \$0.63; total \$7.52."

The plaintiff in this suit "Mariah Dotson" has not been identified.

The following deeds, written around the time of the death of James Dotson, fix the relationship of him to his children and to each other..It should be noted that two of the deeds written by him, were witnessed on July 31, 1869 which is a few months later than the date of April 12, 1869 for his death per the Doddridge Death Register.

This deed in Doddridge Co. Vol. 7, p.198-201, 31 July 1869; James Dotson, Sr. to Deborah Buengener, Temperance Doak, Malinda Dotson and Phebe Miller....whereas Asbury Dotson deceased, came in his life time jointly possessed with Matthias Dotson of four tracts of land and the said Asbury Dotson died without bodily heirs, and James Dotson Senior being the father and lawful heir of the aforesaid Asbury Dotson decd. now therefore .. for the consideration of one dollar to him in hand paid...etc.

his

Witnessed July 31, 1869 James X Dotson

mark

This deed in Doddridge Co. Vol. 7, p. 198-201, 1 July 1869; James Dotson, Sr. to Phebe Miller (dau. of James Dotson, Sr.) for one half of 120 acres on the water of Arnold Creek in the counties of Doddridge and Tyler, which land had been conveyed by deed from Jacob Dotson to James Dotson (senior) and James Dotson (junior);the aforesaid Phebe

Miller to have the south part of the aforesaid described land....for the sum of sixty-four dollars and fifty cents....

US Intern Rev 30 cts

his

July 31, 1869

James X Dotson Senior Witnessed:

31 July 1869

mark

This Deed in Doddridge Co. Vol. 7, p. 449-452: 31 March 1870; Matthias Dotson and Amy his wife of the first part and Deborah Buengener, Temperance Doak, Malinda Dotson and Phoebe Miller of the second part...for one dollar...grant to second parties aforesaid their entire interest in the James Dotson estate, lying in Central township of Doddridge on waters of Arnold Creek and containing one hundred acres....parties of the first part do grant their interest as heirs at law to the estate of James Dotson decd. to the parties of the second part aforesaid which interest consists of one sixth part of the estate....

US Inter Rev 50 cts

Matthias Dotson

March 31, 1870

her

Amy X Dotson

mark

This deed in Doddridge County; Vol 7 p. 480-481. 11 June 1870 James Dotson (Jr) and Columbia Jane his wife to John Doak...all of the county of Doddridge...for one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents...in the Township of Central, Doddridge Co., on the waters of Long Run a branch of Arnold Creek corner of land owned by Matthias Dotson and John Doak..twenty five acres.

US Inter. Rev 50 cts

his

June 11, 1870

James X Dotson

mark

her

Columbia X Jane Dotson

mark

Parents of eight children:

1.- Malinda Dotson, b. 1818

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2.- Deborah Dotson, b. 1822

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3.- Mathias Dotson, b. 1823

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4.- Temperance Dotson, b. ca. 1827

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5.- Asbury Dotson, b. before 1830

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6.- Phebe Dotson, b. 1833

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7.- James Dotson, Jr. b. 1835

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8.- Benjamin Dotson, b. 1838

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MALINDA DOTSON.

Malinda Dotson, b. 1818. On 5 Sept. 1839, she m. her first cousin, Benjamin Dotson. (Son of Emmanuel Dotson, Sr. and Mary Reddick) For this family, see Chapter VII-5.

CHAPTER XI-2.
DEBORAH DOTSON

Deborah Dotson, b. 1822 in Ohio. She m. Fredrick Benager (Buenger), 23 July 1865. This marriage in Doddridge County: "23 July 1862...Debby Dotson, 35...single...b. HarrisonCo...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, James & Lucinda; & Fredrick Benager, 28...single...b. Germany...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Charles & Lenna."

The age she gave is not consistent with that of three later censuses, according to which she should have been forty years of age in 1862. (In her father James's household, age 28 in 1850 and age 38 in 1860; age 59 in 1880).

Deborah Buengener was named as an heir in two of the deeds written in 1869-70. (See above)

In the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County, 122 015;

Bengener, Friedrich	WM 48	Farmer	PR PR PR
Debora	WF 59	Wife	Keeping house OH VA PA

Note: PR = Prussia (Germany)

They apparently did not have children.

The following is found on page 32 *The Ripley Family*.² This happened near Deep Valley, on the road, which at that time, went over the hill to Marsh Run and Mole Hill. The man is probably Fredrick Benager (Benniger, Buenger).

"Isaac Owens was feuding and having trouble with a man, named Benniger. The 1871 Grand Jury of Tyler County indicted Isaac Owens and George Owens for burning down a Benniger house and shooting at him with intent to kill. This charge was dropped as the house was not finished and no value could be placed on it."

CHAPTER XI-3.
MATHIAS DOTSON.

Mathias Dotson, b. 27 May 1823; d. 18 May 1906.

In the Doddridge County Death Register Index, Vol. 2, p. 32; "Dotson, Mathius, M, May 18, 1908."

He m. Amy Doak, dau. of Alexander Doak and Eliza Ireland. This marriage in Tyler County: "2 Jan. 1850...Matthew Dotson and Amy Doak by David* Sweeny."

*Note; probably Daniel Sweeny, who was a 'Disciple of Christ' minister (some congregations, including Arnold Creek, now 'Church of Christ'). He brought the teaching of Alexander Campbell to Middle Island Creek ca. 1840 or before; he resided at Tyler City, but spent weeks away from home in his preaching.

Amy Doak, b. 1830; d. 1897. For Amy's lineage please refer to the *Doak Family*, page 31³.

Mathias Dotson was a farmer on Long Run of Arnold Creek.

From page 32, *The Ripley Family*,⁴ March 5, 1860, Matthew Dotson, witness against, Isaac Owens."

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery: "DOTSON Mother Amy 1831-1897; Father Matthias 1823-1906"

Mathias was enumerated in the household of his father James in the 1850 census of Doddridge Co.

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge Co., p. 121, Dwl 828, Fam. 829:

Mathias Dotson	37	M	Farmer	\$1400 \$720	VA can't r. or w.
Anna	29	F			VA
Finley	9	M			VA
Manerva	6	F			VA
Winona	4	M			VA
Victoria	3	F			VA
Isaiah	1	M			VA

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co., p. 6 Dwl 37 Fam 35:

Dotson Matthias	47	MW	Keeping house	\$1500 \$50	VA
Ama	39	FW	Farm laborer		VA can't r. or w.
Finley O	18	MW			VA
Manerva	16	FW			VA
Isaih	11	MW			VA
McKindry	4	MW			WV
Biddie	2	FW			WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 122 014:

Dotson, Mathias	WM	57	Farmer	VA VA VA
Emma	WF	48	Wife Keeping house	VA VA VA
McKentry	WM	15	Son farm laborer	WV VA VA
Bridget	WF	12	Dau at home	WV VA VA
Arlington	WM	8	Son at home	WV VA VA
Isaiah S (m)	WM	21	Son farm laborer	VA VA VA
Mary E M(m)	WF	23	Dil keeps house	PA PA PA
Manford M	WM	2/12	G/son (Mar 1880)	WVWV PA
Marford H	WM	2/12	G/son (Mar 1880)	WV WV PA

Mathias, 77, in the household of his son Arlington in the 1900 census.

Parents of eight children:

1. Finley Dotson, b. 1851; d. 1919.

From the Doddridge County Death Register Index, Vol. 2, p. 35: "Dotson, Finley, M., July 14, 1919."

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery: "Dotson, Finley 1815-1919 Margaretta his wife 1855- "

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "7 Oct 1877..Finley Dotson, 25...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Mathias & Amy; Margaret Roach, 22...single...b. Dodd. Co...Parents, John & Melvina by Enoch Harper."

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 014:

Dotson Finly	WM	28	Farmer	VA VA VA
Marget	WF	25	Wife Keeping house	VA VA VA
Viola	WF	1	Dau at home	WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Dodd Cent Dist 5 20 1 64

Dotson, Findlay	W	Oct 1851	48	WV
Margaretta L	W	Apr 1855	45	WV
Viola L	D	July 1878	21	WV

Mathias J	S	Sept 1883	16	WV
Tesla D D		Dec 1889	11	WV
Bettie W	D	July 1891	9	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0026 0103

Dotson Finley	H W	58	WV WV
Margaretta	W	55	WV
Williard F	S	22	WV
Tula D	D	20	WV
Underwood Lilly	C	02	WV

Parents of five children:

- a.- Viola Dotson, b. July 1878. m. Alven Griffin of South Parkersburg, W.Va.
- b.- John Mathias Dotson, b. Sept 1883. d. Jan 21, 1960. m. Clara Cottrill.

From the Doddridge Co. Death Register, 5, 44-F: "Dotson, John Mathias; M. Jan 21, 1960; parents, Finlay Dotson Margretta Rowe." Five children:

- 1.- Harold Lancelot Dotson.
- 2.- Lionel Leland Dotson.
- 3.- Elden LaFoy Dotson.
- 4.- Seldon LeRoy Dotson.
- 5.- Alven Mathias Dotson
- c.- Millard (Willard F.) Dotson, b ca. 1888; m. Nettie Montgomery. One child:
 - 1.- Goldie Dotson, m. Edward Pickens.
- d.- Tula (Tesla) Dotson, b. Dec. 1889; m. Horace Andrews. Seven children:
 - 1.- Hazel Marie Andrews.
 - 2.- Lois Andrews.
 - 3.- Ira Andrews.
 - 4.- Claude Andrews.
 - 5.- Frank Wilson Andrews.
 - 6.- Wahneta Viola Andrews.
 - 7.- Sylvia Virginia Andrews.
- e.- Elizabeth Jane Dotson, b. July 1891. m. Emerson Cottrill. Five children:
 - 1.- Elmer Hadsel Cottrill.
 - 2.- Alice Viola Cottrill.
 - 3.- William Finley Cottrill.
 - 4.- Ernest Lloyd Cottrill.
 - 5.- Orvel Emerson Cottrill.

2.- Minerva Dotson, b. 3 Sept 1853; d. 28 March 1932.

This marriage in Doddridge County: "3 Sept 1876...Minerva Dotson & Wm. J. Piggott." He d. 27 Dec 1925.

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County; 122 016:

Pigott, Harrison W	WM	32	Farmer	VA VA VA
Manerva	WF	26	Wife	Keeping house VA VA VA
Cora May	WF	2	Dau	at home WV VA VA
Henrietta	WF	8/12	Dau (Sept 1879)	WV VA VA

Wm H	WM	17	Cousin	Farm laborer	OH VA VA
Florence	WF	9	Niece	at home	WV VA OH

Note: A Piggott church and cemetery are located on Arnold Creek in the Deep Valley area.

Parents of five children:

a.- Cora Piggott, b. ca. 1878 m. George Chipps. Two Children;

1.- Eugene V. Chipps, m. (1) Dicey Bailly; m. (2) ___ Sinclair; m (3) James ____

One child:

(1) Mary Gene Chipps.

2.- Delmas D. Chipps, m. Elizabeth Selkirk.

b.- Henrietta Piggott, b. Sept. 1879 m. Charles Piggott. He is an independent oil and gas producer, West Union, W.Va. One child:

1.- Zelma Piggott, m. Franklin Earl Michaels. He is owner of Michaels Pharmacy, West Union, W.Va. Three children:

(1) Charles Franklin Michaels, b. 1924; m. Elizabeth Ann Kellow of Iowa. They have; Bonnie Michaels, b. 1945; Etta Ann Michaels, b. 1947; and James Franklin Michaels, b. 1950.

(2) Donald Glade Michaels, b. 1926; m. Helen Deloros Cunningham. They have; Donald Hastings Michaels, b. 1953; and Helen Jody Michaels, b. 1956.

(3) Luthur Michaels, m. Dorothy Allen Wilson. They have; Carolyn Michaels, b. 1932; m. M. T. Williams and have Christine Williams; Luthur Williams and Carla Williams.

c.- Gillispie Blaine Piggott, m. Itaska Wilson, Central Station. They have four children:

1.- Guy Piggott, m. Nellie Edwards, Chillicothe, Ohio. Two children:

(1) Clyde Piggott.

(2) Una June Piggott.

2.- Thomas Piggott.

3.- Edith M. Piggott, m. Raymond Groves, farmer; Chillicothe, Ohio. Two children:

(1) Harold Groves.

(2) Helen Mae Groves.

4.- Opal Selista Piggott, m. Carl Hartman. Seven children:

(1) Cullen L. Hartman.

(2) Opal C. Hartman.

(3) Clarence H. Hartman.

(4) Calvin J. Hartman.

(5) Roberta S. Hartman.

(6) Neva Hartman.

(7) Mary Louise Hartman.

d.- Lulu Piggott, m. (1) John Glover. One child:

1.- Helen Glover.

d.- Lulu Piggitt, m. (2) William Longstreth.

e.- Lovie Piggott, m. Walter Swentzel. Five children:

- 1.- Blair Swentzel.
- 2.- Bruce Swentzel.
- 3.- June Swentzel.
- 4.- Kipling Swentzel.
- 5.- Phylis Swentzel.

3.- Eliza Winona Dotson, b. ca 1855; m. John H. Piggott.

This marriage in Doddridge County: "15 Oct. 1872...Winona Dotson, 17...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co... Parents, Mathias Dotson; & John P. Piggott, 18... single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Lewis H."

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 016:

Piggott	John P	WM	26		Farmer	VA VA VA
	Winona E	WF	25	Wife	Keeping house	VA VA VA
	William L	WM	4	Son	at home	WV VA VA
	Emma E	WF	2	Dau	at home	WV VA VA

Three children:

- a.- Dettosia Etka Piggott. No information.
- b.- William Leslie Piggott, m. Bertha Jane Edwards. Nine children:
 - 1.- Raymond Piggott, m. Mural Stark
 - 2.- Willis Piggott, m. Nellie Smith. Six children:
 - (1) Norma Piggott.
 - (2) Rosil Piggott.
 - (3) Viola Piggott.
 - (4) Alberta Piggott.
 - (5) James Piggott.
 - (6) Harry Piggott.
 - 3.- Walter Piggott, m. Bessie Canfield. One child:
 - (1) Francis Walter Piggott, Jr.
 - 4.- Nellie Piggott, m. Carl Wallace. Three children:
 - (1) Wilbur Wallace.
 - (2) Clara Wallace.
 - (3) Gene Wallace.
 - 5.- Winnie Piggott, m.. Arvil Straight. One child:
 - (1) Charles Straight.
 - 6.- Ethel Piggott, m. Clyde Davis. Two children:
 - (1) Wilbur Davis.
 - (2) Erma Davis.
 - 7.- Harry Piggott.
 - 8.- Carl Piggott.
 - 9.- Russell Piggott.
- c. Amy Piggott, m. James Wamsley. One child:
 - 1.- Homer Wamsley, m. Constance Beckwith. Five children:
 - (1) Russell Wamsley.
 - (2) Howard T. Wamsley.
 - (3) Delah G. Wamsley.

(4) Pearl Wamsley, m. Howard Newell. They have; Shirley Newell.

(5) Elmer Wamsley, m. Rosalee Rogers. They have; Maxine Wamsley and Emory Wamsley.

4.- Victoria Dotson, b. ca 1856.

In her father Mathias' household, age 3, in the 1860 census; not in subsequent censuses.

This cannot be the Victoria Dotson that married John A. Smith, 14 June 1866; she was a dau. of John Calvin Dotson, Chapter VIII-5.

This marriage in Doddridge Co.; "24 Dec. 1867...Alvin A Davis...age 25...m. Victoria Dotson...age 18". This Victoria is too old for a birthyear of ca. 1856.

No further information of this Victoria Dotson. It is presumed that she must have died sometime in the 1860s.

5.- Isaih Snowden Dotson, b. 1859; d. 1915. He m. Mary A. Chipps. Mary Chipps Dotson d. 1917.

This marriage in Doddridge County: "18 March 1879...Isaih Dotson, 20...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Mathias & Amy; & Mary A. Chipps, 22...single...b. Dodd. Co...Parents, David & Catherine by Wm. Strickling."

In the 1880 census, Isaiah S. shown with wife Mary and twin boys, Manford M. and Marford H., b. Mar 1880, in the household of his father Mathias; (see above).

In the 1900 census soundex of WV; Doddridge Central Dist. 5 20 1 25:

Dotson Isiah S	W	Aug 1858	41	WV
Mary E	W	Mar 1852	48	PA
Cisco	S	Nov 1881	18	WV
Hettie O	D	June 1884	15	WV
Stanly B	S	Apr 1889	11	WV
Adam D	S	Mar 1893	7	WV
Nellie M	D	July 1897	2	WV

In the 1910 census soundex of WV; Wood 044 0122 0369:

Dotson Isaiah	H W	52	WV WV
Mary	W	53	Penn
Hanley (Stanly B)	S	21	WV
Okey	S	17	WV
Nellie	D	12	WV
Tenny Charles	SL	19	WV
Hettie	D	25	WV

1 non-relative

Seven children:

a.- Manford M. Dotson, b. March 1880, d. June 27, 1880; in the Dodd. Co. Death Records, Vol. 3, p. 44; "Dotson, Monford, M, June 27, 1880, parents Mary E. & Isah Dotson"

b.- Marford H. Dotson, b. March 1880; no information. Not found in 1900 or 1910 soundex of WV, nor death record of Dodd. Co.

c.- Cisco Dotson, b. Nov. 1881, m. (1) Laura Doak. She d. 1911.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "5 April 1903...Cisco Dotson...age 21...b. Doddridge...m. Laura J. Doak...age 16...b. Ritchie."

For her lineage see *The Doak Family History and Genealogy*,⁵ page 33.

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0026 0106

Dotson Cisco	H W	28	WV WV
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Laura J	W	23	WV
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Russell	S	03	WV
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From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Wood 54 161 28 30

Dotson, Cisco	W	37	WV
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Lola	W	26	WV
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Russell	S	13	WV
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One child:

1.- Russell Dotson, b. ca 1907 m. Sylvia Robinson. Three children:

(1) Geraldine Dotson, b. 5 July 1927; m. Virgil E. Wing.

(2) Lenord Dotson, b. 26 Feb 1929; m. Grace Halley. They have; David Allen Dotson, b. 1 Dec 1960; Teresa Ann Dotson, b. 25 Oct. 1957; and Sherry Lynn Dotson, b. 19 Oct 1962.

(3) Betty Jean Dotson, b. 8 Feb. 1932; m. Theodore Edmund Hoffman. They have; Diana Lynn Hoffman, b. 3 Feb. 1953, [Diana m (2) John Thomas Burke, b. 2 Feb 1950]; Theodore Edmond Hoffman, b. 9 May 1954; Wayne Allen Hoffman, b. 9 July 1957; Steve Leonard Hoffman, b. 11 Dec. 1958; Michael Hoffman, b. 27 May 1960; and Gregory William Hoffman, 6 May 1961.

c.- Cisco Dotson, m (2) Lola Leggett. Two children:

2.- Cisco Dotson, Jr.

3.- Iline Dotson.

d.- Hettie O. Dotson, b. June 1884, m. Charles Tenny, b. ca. 1891 In the 1910 census soundex of Hettie's father Isaiah Dotson.

This marriage in Wood County: "25 Sept. 1905; Tenny, Charles 20 Upshur; Webster and Dotson Hettie Octavia 25, Doddridge; Wood". Note discrepancy in age of Charles Tenny from census'. One child:

1.- Willamine Tenny, d. 1931.

e.- Stanley B. Dotson, b. Apr 1889, m. Lillian Morehead.

f.- Okey (Adam D) Dotson, b. Mar 1893, m. (1) Audrie Clevenger. She d. 1931.

This marriage in Wood County: "8 June 1913; Dotson Okie 20 Doddridge; Wood and Cleavinger, Audrie 13 Wood." Five children:

1.- Burl Dotson.

2.- Ruby Dotson.

3.- Lester Dotson.

4.- Audra June Dotson.

5.- Delmer Ray Dotson.

f.- Okey Dotson, m. (2) Bessie Sullivan.

g.- Nellie M. Dotson, b. July 1897 m. Ernest Nestler. This marriage in Wood County: "6 Nov 1915; Nestler Ernest E 21 Wood and Dotson Nellie May 18 Doddridge; Wood." One child: 1.- Harold Nester.

6.- McKendry Dotson (1866-1944), m. Mattie Birch (1866-1946).

This marriage in Doddridge Co., Vol. 3, p. 471; "Dec. 28, 1889, McKendry Dotson and Mattie Birch"

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery; "Dotson Mattie E. 1866-1946; McKendry 1866-1944"

From Doddridge Co. Death Index; 5, 44-A: "Dotson McKendry, M, July 10, 1944; parents Matthus Dotson Anna Doak".

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Dodd Central Dist 5 20 1 9:

Dotson McKendry	W	Feb 1866	34	WF
Mattie E	W	July 1866	33	WV
Audry M	S	Aug 1892	7	WV
Wanda L	D	Mar 1900	2/12	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0105:

Dotson McKindry	H W	44	WV WV
Mattie	W	43	WV
Audra M	D(?)	17	WV
Manda	D	10	WV

Two children:

a.- Audry M. Dotson, b. Aug 1892, m. Nina Meredith. Six children:

1.- Looman Dotson. In the Arnold Creek Cemetery; "Looman M. Dotson son of Audry & Nina Dec 5, 1918-Nov. 6, 1938

2.- Clarice Dotson, m. Toby Cross. One child:

(1) Lorraine Cross.

3.- Mattie Dotson, m. Kemper Flint. One child:

(1) Laura Ann Flint.

4.- Norma Dotson, m. Sydney Martin. One child:

(1) Owen Dotson.

5.- Pauline Dotson, m. Tommy Gilmer.

6.- Fred McKindrey Dotson, m. Emogene Kay. Five children:

(1) Fred Dotson.

(2) Ken Dotson

(3) Rodney Dotson.

(4) Karen Dotson.

(5) Infant Dotson.

7. Clarence E Dotson.

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery: "Clarence E Dotson infant son of Audry & Nina Aug 11, 1917"

b.- Wanda L. Dotson, b. Mar 1900, m. Kenneth Hess.

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette*, Dec 10, 1981: "Mrs. Wanda Dotson Hess, 81, of Rt. 2 Washington, WV, formerly of Pennsboro, WV, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 1981, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg.

She was born in Doddridge County, a daughter of the late McKendry and Matie Birch Dotson. She was a member of the Arnold Creek Christian Church at Deep Valley.....Survivors include two sons, Oliver K. Hess, Jr. of Rt. 2, Washington, WV and Lyndon 'Shorty' Hess of Parkersburg; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Kenneth Hess, and a brother...Burial was in the West Union Masonic Memorial Park.” Two children:

1.- Forrest Lyndon Hess, m. Wanda Weidfeld. One child:

(1) Joseph Elden Hess, m. Diana Jones. They have; Angela Hess; Brian Hess; and Scott Hess.

2.- Kenneth Hess, Jr., m. Louise Beal. Four children:

(1) Carolyn Hess, m. Donald Hayhurst. They have; Brick Hayhurst.

(2) Larry Hess, m. Alice Burns. They have; Kenny Hess; Amy Hess; and Lynn Hess.

(3) Gary Hess, m. Ann Zimmer.

(4) Mary Louise Hess, m. Edward Webb.

7.- Biddie (Bridget) Dotson, b. Mar 1900, m. John Bode. Three children:

a.- Homer Bode, m. Stella Wires. Three children:

1.- Edna Bode.

2.- Jean Bode.

3.- Delores Bode.

b.- Ethel Bode, m. ___ Hatcher. Two children:

1.- Harlan Hatcher.

2.- Lucille Hatcher.

c.- Emma Bode, m. Stephen Taylor. One child:

1.- Ileana Taylor.

8.- Arlington Dotson, b. ca. 1872, m. Zoe Garrison.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Dodd Central Dist 5 20 13 86:

Dotson, Arlington	W	Sept 1871	28	WV
Zoll	W	Aug 1877	22	WV
Dorothy B	D	Mar 1897	3	WV
Layman H or A	S	Oct 1898	1	WV
Matthias	Father	May 1823	77	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0108:

Dotson Arlington	H W	38	WV	WV
Joe R	W	34	WV	
Jobson S	S	11	WV	
Dortha	D	13	WV	
Asisa	D	07	WV	
Marvin N	S	03	WV	
Delmas D	S	NR	WV	

Five children:

a.- Dorothy Dotson, b. Mar 1897, m. Everett Griffin. Four children:

1.- Bob Griffin.

2.- Keith Griffin.

3.- Betty Griffin.

4.- Lucille Griffin.

b.- Robson Dotson, b. Oct 1898, m. Goldie Shriver. Two children:

- 1.- Bruce Dotson.
- 2.- Imogene Dotson
- c.- Asisa Dotson. b. ca. 1903.
- d.- Marvin N. Dotson, b. ca. 1907, m. Louise Villers.
- e.- Delmus D. Dotson.

CHAPTER XI-4.

TEMPERANCE DOTSON

Temperance Dotson was born ca. 1827. Married John Doak.

From the 1860 census of WV; Doddridge Co. West Union PO Dwl 827 Fam 828:

Jno Doak	34	M	Farmer	VA	cannot r or w
Temperance	30	F		VA	
Lucinda	12	F		VA	
Sendona	9	F		VA	
Deborah	4	F		VA	
Benj	2	M		VA	

followed by the Mathias Dotson household.

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co. Central Twp West Union PO p. 2, 3;
Dwl 36 Fam 34:

Doak John	47	MW	Farmer	\$1200 \$400	VA
Temperance	42	FW	Keeping house		VA cannot write
Mary C	17	FW			VA att sch
Debora	14	FW			VA att sch
Benj	12	MW			VA att sch
Samantha J	4	FW			WV

followed by the Matthias Dotson household.

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 015:

Doak John	WM	57	Farmer		VA VA NJ
Temperance	WF	53	Wife	Keeping house	VA VA PA
Isabell A	WF	14	Dau	at home	WV VA VA
Carder, Simon P	WM	13	Servant	farm laborer	PA VA VA

Note: Names of children, except Debora and Benjamin, change between censuses

Temperance Doak and/or John Doak were named as Grantees in three deeds involving her family in 1869-70; see above Chapter XI.

CHAPTER XI-5.

ASBURY DOTSON.

Asbury Dotson was born between 1825 and 1830, from age group, census of Tyler County, 1830 and 1840 for father James, Sr..

Asbury was the grantee, with his brother Mathias, on the following deeds in Doddridge Co.: Vol. 1 p. 109 Nov 8 1846 from John and Amy L Ireland et al, 50 a Long Run Central Dist.

Vol. 1 p. 178 Apr 22 1847 from Samuel Archbold ux, 50 a. Long Run Central Dist.

In 1869, Asbury's father James, Sr., as heir at law to Asbury deceased, deeded these two tracts plus two additional ones, to Asbury's brothers and sisters:

Doddridge Co. Vol. 7, p.198-201, 31 July 1869; James Dotson, Sr. to Deborah Buengener, Temperance Doak, Malinda Dotson and Phebe Miller....whereas Asbury Dotson deceased.....

It is not known when Asbury died; he was not enumerated in either the 1850 or 1860 census of Doddridge, either in his father's household or separately.

CHAPTER XI-6.
PHEBE DOTSON.

Phebe Dotson, b. 1831-33. She m. Charles Miller.

This marriage in Doddridge County: "5 July 1856...Phebe Dotson, 24...single...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co... Parents, James & Lucinda; & Charles Miller, 27...single...b. Hamburg, Germany...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, George & Anna."

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co. Central Twp West Union PO p. 2, 3; DwI 30 Fam 28:

Miller	Chas	41	MW	Farmer	— \$200	Hamburg City Germany
	Phoebe	38	FW	Keeping house	\$500	VA cannot r or w
	Lucinda	13	FW			VA att sch
	Hauliien P	12	MW			VA att sch.
	John O	10	MW			VA att sch
	Geo. W	8	MW			VA att sch
	Lelander	5	MW			WV
	Thos S	1	MW			WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 015:

Miller	Charles	WM	51	Farmer	PR PR PR*	
	Phebae	WF	49	Wife	Keeping house	VA VA PA
	Hullichen	WM	21	Son	Farm laborer	VA PR VA
	John Otto	WM	20	Son	Farm laborer	VA PR VA
	George W	WM	18	Son	Farm laborer	VA PR VA
	Leander	WM	16	Son	Farm laborer	WV PR VA
	Thomas S	WM	11	Son	Farm laborer	WV PR VA
	Mary Ann	WF	7	Dau	at home	WV PR VA

*PR = Prussia

Phebe Miller was named as grantee in three deeds involving her father James' family in 1869-70; see above Chapter XI.

Parents of six known children shown above in the 1880 census.

CHAPTER XI-7.
JAMES DOTSON, JR.

James Dotson, Jr. b. 1835. He m. Columbia J. Greathouse.

This marriage in Doddridge County: 11 October 1860...James Dotson, 27...single...b. Tyler Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, James & Lucinda; & Columbia J. Greathouse,

17...single... b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents Augustine and Margaret by John Cornwell.”

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge Co. Central Twp West Union PO; Dw1 35
 Fam 33: Dotson James, Jr 35 MW Farmer \$800 \$150 VA cannot r or w
 Columbia J 26 FW Keeping house VA cannot r or w
 Leanora 8 FW VA
 Albert L. 7 MW VA
 Prairie F. 6 FW WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge County; 122 015;

Dotson James	WM	45	Farmer	VA VA VA
Columbia J	WF	35	Wife Keeping house	VA VA VA
Lenora	WF	18	Dau at home	VA VA VA
Albert	WM	17	Son farm laborer	WV VA VA
Prairie Flower	WF	15	Dau at home	WV VA VA
Rose	WF	6	Dau at home	WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Doddridge Central Dist 5 20 1 42:

Dotson James	W	Nov 1834	65	WV
Columbia J	W	Dec 1841	58	
Albert L	S	Dec 1862	37	WV
Arizona	D	Apr 1881	19	WV
Rosetta M	D	June 1873	26	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0114:

Dotson James nr 79 WV WV
 enumerated with Cox Jamie

James Dotson, Jr. was a witness at the trial of Isaac Owens, 5 March 1860. He lived in the Deep Valley area. See *The Ripley Family*⁶, page 32.

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery; “DOTSON James Jane”
 Parents of five children:

1.- Leanora Dotson, b. ca. 1861-62

Lenora, age 18, in the household of her father James, Jr. in the 1880 census; not there in 1900. Not in 1910 census soundex of WV under ‘Leanora Dotson’. No further information.

2.- Albert L. Dotson, b. Dec 1862

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery; “Brother Albert Dotson Sister Arizona Underwood”

From Doddridge Co. Death Records, Vol 4, p. 45; “Dotson Albert L.; d. Oct 27 1934 Central b. Dec 16 1862 age 71 10 11 farmer Dodd father James Dotson, mother Columbia Greathouse; influenza A T Hall Arnold Creek informant Lily Shepherd”

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0201:

Dotson Albert Nr 51 WV WV
 enumerated with Sniger Beenton J

3.- Prairie Flower Dotson, b. ca. 1864-65

Prairie Dotson, m. James Nutter. Four children:

a.- James Albert Dotson. ?

b.- Phillip Nutter. (This must be a step-child)?

c.- Clay Nutter.

d.- William Nutter. This is probably William Porter Nutter, who m. ___ Waldo and resides at Belpre, Ohio. I believe he is dead.

4.- Rosetta M. Dotson, b. June 1873

Rosetta Dotson, m.(1) Alex Stull. One child:

a.- Annie Stull, m. Madison Underwood. Three children:

1.- William Underwood.

2.- Charles Underwood.

3.- Fred Underwood.

Rosette Dotson, m. (2) Lihugh Metz. Three children:

b.- Bertha Metz, m. Madison Underwood. [Madison Underwood, m. (2) and m. (3).

These wives were daughters of his first wife's sister. Therefore his nieces by marriage].

Parents of six children:

1.- Opal Underwood, m. ___ Winemuller.

2.- Kathleen Underwood, m. David Garner. He is a son of Earl Garner; see

Chapter VII-8 John S. Dotson. Two children:

(1) Cotton Garner.

(2) Teresa Garner.

3.- Dorothy Underwood.

4.- Rex Underwood.

5.- Ralph Underwood.

6.- Robert Underwood.

c.- Virgil Metz.

d.- Henry Metz. Henry Metz was adopted by Reginald Dotson of Greenwood. His name then became Henry Dotson. He m. Callie Duty; she owns property in Greenwood 1987, in the vicinity of where Richard Dotson, Sr. built his cabin 1801-1803. See *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865)*⁷ 1988; p. 19 by James M. Dotson. Also see page 347, *Descendants of John Wilson*.⁸ Two children:

1.- Eleanor Dotson, m. James Nutter. He is a grandson of the late Bruce Nutter and Miller. His mother is Virginia Williams, dau. Belle Johnson and Clint Williams. One son:

(1) Randy Dotson.

2.- William Dotson, m. Linda Cumberledge, 4 July 1958. Two children:

(1) Melissa Ann Dotson, b. 25 April 1959.

(2) Jeffry Lynn Dotson, b. 25 July 1952.

5.- Arizona Dotson, b. Apr 1881

Arizona Dotson, m. Madison Underwood.

In the Arnold Creek Cemetery; "Brother Albert Dotson Sister Arizona Underwood".

One child:

a.- Lillian Underwood, m. Joseph Shepherd. Four children:

1.- Donald Shepherd, m. Judy Jones. Three children:

- (1) Donald Shepherd, Jr.
- (2) Joseph Shepherd.
- (3) Theresa Shepherd.

2.- Carroll Shepherd, m. Frances Jones Wilson. She was a dau. of Yocup Jones and a granddaughter of “Jake” Jones who was a trackwalker for the railroad. This was her 3rd marriage. She m. (1) and m. (2) James Russell Wilson; Frances Jones and Russell Wilson had no children; Russel Wilson, who died 1 Dec. 1989, was a nephew of the co-author Barr Wilson; see page 165, *Descendants of John Wilson*.⁹ Parents of one child:

(1) Michael Shepherd, m. Dianne Lambert. They have; Winter Moonlight Shepherd.

3.- Clarence Shepherd, m. Beatrice LeAnn Weaver. Two children:

- (1) Pamela Shepherd.
- (2) Marsha Shepherd.

4.- James Shepherd, m. Fern Satterfield (dau. of Emmitt). She has an upholstery shop at Lamberton, W.Va. (1982)

CHAPTER XI-8.

BENJAMIN DOTSON.

Benjamin Dotson, b. 1838-40.

From the Doddridge Co. Death Records, Vol. 3 p. 2: “Dotson Benjamin W M died 16 Nov 1854 Arnold Creek; sore throat; age 14y - -, parents James and Lucinda Dotson, bur. Arnold Creek; informant James Dotson father”

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¹ James M. Dotson *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865) in the Present Day Counties of Ritchie, Doddridge, and Tyler West Virginia*, 1988, p. 60 and 74.

² Barr Wilson, *The Ripley Family* (unpublished, 1970s), p. 32.

³ B. E. Hanes, *Doak Family History and Genealogy* (Clarksburg W. Va.: The Exponent Job Shop, 1931), p. 33.

⁴ Barr Wilson, *The Ripley Family* (unpublished, 1970s), p. 32.

⁵ B. E. Hanes, *Doak Family History and Genealogy* (Clarksburg W. Va.: The Exponent Job Shop, 1931), p. 33.

⁶ Barr Wilson, *The Ripley Family* (unpublished, 1970s), p. 32

⁷ James M. Dotson *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865) in the Present Day Counties of Ritchie, Doddridge, and Tyler West Virginia*, 1988, p. 19.

⁸ Barr Wilson, *The Descendants of John Wilson* (Parsons W.Va.: Printed by McClain Printing Co.: Barr Wilson Toll Gate WV 26442, 1975), p. 347.

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 165.

Chapter XII

Zachariah Dotson

Zachariah Dotson, b. ca. 1798 in Maryland (age 52 in 1850 census), or ca. 1799 in Virginia (age 61 in 1860 census); or 1880 (the inscription on his headstone in the Greenwood Cemetery “died July 23, 1863 age 63 yrs” would make his birthyear 1800.)

We know that there was a change in the Richard Dotson family after the birth of James ca. 1797. Richard’s first wife Mary must have died after James’ birth, after which Richard then married (2) Amelia “Millie” Miller. We know that Zachariah and Richard, Jr. (b. ca. 1794) were half-brothers. Whether this second marriage occurred in Maryland or Virginia, is not known. Both the 1850 and 1860 census show James’ birthplace as Virginia; the 1850 census shows Zachariah, 52, and his sister Margaret, 50, as both having been born in Maryland. However, in his pension application filed in 1832, Richard fails to name Maryland as one of his places of residence. Richard and William, Sr. were both on the Hampshire County tax roll in the years 1798 and 1799.

It is concluded that Richard’s stay in Maryland must have been brief, and occurred if at all between his residence in Hampshire Co. and his move to the Greenwood area of then Wood County about 1801 or 1802. Based on the following from Hardesty, the next child Thomas b. ca. 1800, must have also been born to Millie and Richard in Maryland or in Hampshire County Virginia.

Hardesty, writing in 1883, in his history of Doddridge County, Central District¹ Vol. 2, p. 13, states: “The first settler was Richard Dotson, who entered 600 acres of land, and in 1802 built his cabin near where Thomas Scott now resides. His earliest neighbors were James Scott, Nathan Davis, the Arnolds, Lottridges, Haltermans, Ruddecks and Fergusons. The first white child born in the district was Ruth Dotson, a daughter of Richard and Millie Dotson.....First religious discourse...1808 at house of Richard Dotson...”

Following is a picture of Zachariah Dotson, his wife Eliza Edleblute, b. 1800: (who lived to be 99 years of age) and of Richard Dotson, Junior (Chap. VIII), a half brother of Zachariah. Richard Dotson, Junior was born ca. 1794. Picture is made from tintypes. “Frank”, is the late Franklin Pierce Dotson (Chapter XII-5). The following is written on the front of the picture, but may not be legible on the copy:

“This picture is of Frank’s G-Mother. She was known as Aunt Liza & was a good woman, & lived to be 99 yrs. and some mo’s. old.

She had two or three sons in the Civil War.

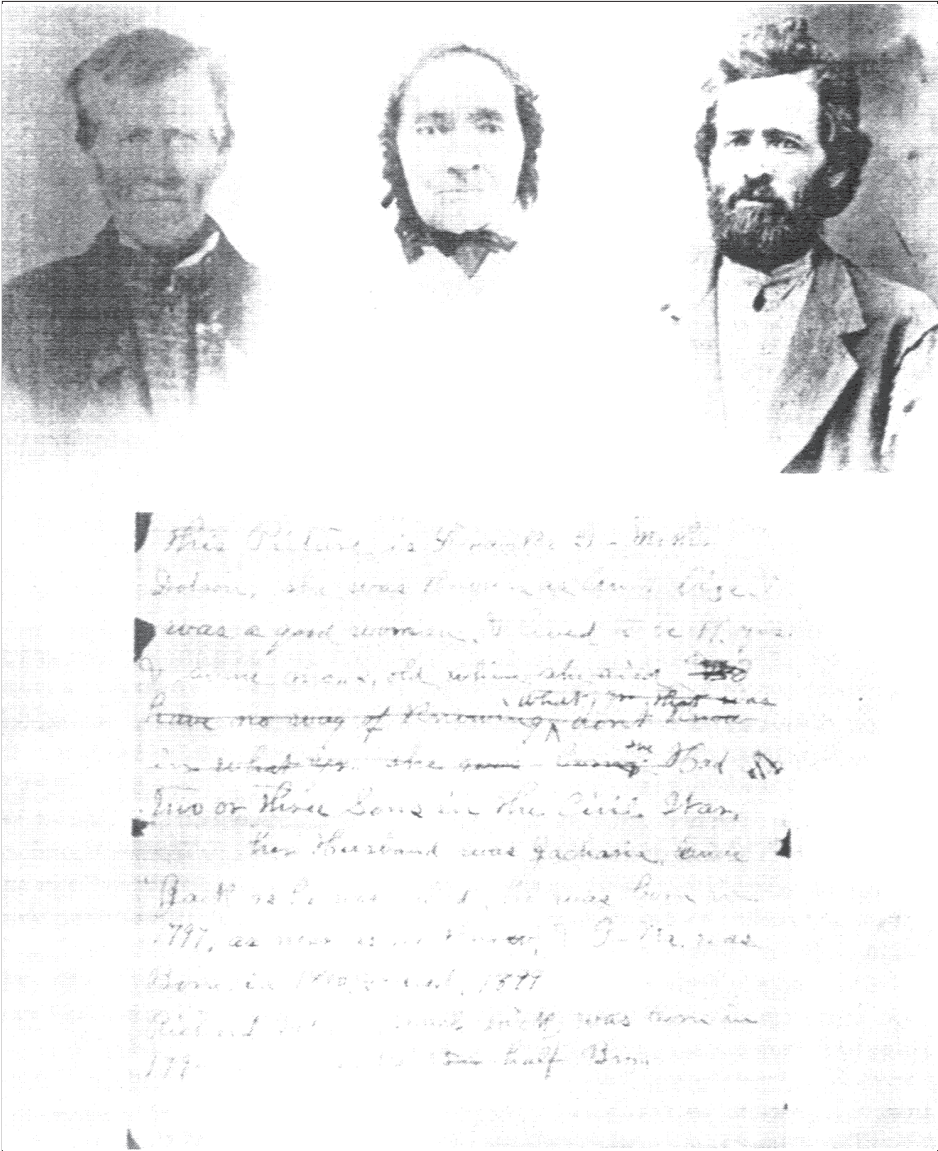
Her husband was Zacharia, Uncle Zack as he was called. he was born in 1797, as near as we know, & G-Ma was born in 1800, & died 1899.

Richard Dotson, Uncle Dick, was born in 1794, Uncle Zack’s half Bro.”

Zacharey Dotson

Eliza Edleblute Dotson

Richard Dotson, Jr.



**Zachariah Dotson, Elizabeth Edleblute Dotson, and Richard Dotson, Jr
(from tin-types)**

Zachariah m. Eliza Edleblute, b. 1800. From Miss Lowther's *History of Ritchie County*²:

"ZACHARIAH DOTSON, brother of William, Senior, was a very early settler in the Toll Gate vicinity. He possibly came as early as 1810, and remained until his death."

The above paragraph is partially in error. He came as a young child with his father to the Greenwood area ca. 1802. He moved with his father to the Long Run, Deep Valley area of then Tyler county (later Doddridge) ca. 1820, later lived in the Central Station area of Doddridge County at the time of his death in 1863.

There are two marriage records in Harrison County. "12 May 1812...Zachariah Dotson & Eliza Edleblute by Zebulon Maxwell."

At this time, Zachariah Dotson would have been ca. 14-15 years of age, and Eliza Edleblute would have been 12 years of age.

The second record Harrison County Marriage Bonds, Bk 3, p. 304: "8 May 1820...Zachariah Dotson & Eliza Edleblute."

We cannot explain the apparent discrepancy of the two records, or which one is correct, but this has occurred, two or three times in the marriage records of Harrison County.

Zachariah Dotson died in 1863 and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery: "Zachariah Dotson died July 23, 1863 age 63 yrs"

Eliza Edleblute Dotson died July 26, 1899 in Cloud County, KS and is buried in Morrison Cemetery, Macyville KS.

Based on her obituary:

"After Zachariah's death in 1863, Eliza remained in WV until after 1870, then went to Kansas where she spent the rest of her life. She died at the age of 99 years, 3 months, 26 days. She (had) left eleven children, 47 grandchildren; 76 great grandchildren. In her lifetime, she lived 36,251 days; during twenty presidents that came and went. Our nation passed through eight wars. Thirty three states and territories were added. Population increased 60 million souls....."

In Tyler County in 1843 (Vol. 9, p. 419) James Dotson and Lucinda Dotson, deeded the Trustees of the Arnold Creek Church of Christ, one acre and 30 poles.

This is the lot where the present day, "Arnold Creek Church of Christ" stands. Deed states, "...to Robert Doak, Elazer Freeman and *Zachariah Dotson*, Trustees, for use and benefit of the Church of Christ of the State of Virginia.....for One Dollar....."

1831...Zachariah Dotson to James Jones, 200 acres on Long Run.

1837...Name signed to deed in Tyler Co., "Zachariah Dotson and Eliza Dotson."

From the 1830 census of VA; Harrison County:

Dotson, Zachariah; Males; 2 under 5, 3 5-10, 1 30-40; females; 1 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 20-30.



**Zachariah Dotson Headstone
Greenwood Cemetery
Doddridge County, WV**

Assuming all were their children, this makes a family of five sons and two daughters; one daughter would have been born 1815-1820, and the oldest born 1810-1815. It should be noted that the marriage bond found in Book 3, page 304, of Marriage Bonds Harrison County, and signed by Charles Edleblute and Zachariah Dotson was dated 8 May 1820; an earlier marriage record, cited above, was dated 12 May 1812.

From the 1840 census of VA; Tyler County.

Dotson, Zecheriah; Males; 1 under 5, 1 5-10, 1 10-15, 3 15-20, 1 40-50; females; 2 under 5, 1 20-30.

This makes a family of six sons and two daughters. Eliza Edleblute Dotson would have been 40 years of age but she is included in this 1840 census as 20 to 30 years of age.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County:

Dotson, Zachary (farmer) born in Maryland	52
Eliza born in Pennsylvania	50
Charles born in Virginia	25
Alford	23
William	20
Mary A.	14
Garretson (James G)	11
Louisa	10
Emsey	4

From the 1860 census of VA; Doddridge County (page 118, Dwl 807, Fam. 807) West Union, 20 July 1860:

Dotson Zachariah	61	M	Farmer	RE \$700 Per.\$205 VA
Eliza	58	F		
Charles	28	M		
Mary A	21	F		
Emma(Emsy)	15	F		
Jerline*	12	M		

*Francis Jerline Dotson was the son of Michael Dotson, brother to Zachariah; Michael Dotson died in 1851 (Chapter XVI).

From the 1870 census of WV; Doddridge County (page 13, Dwl. 95, Fam. 96) Central Twp., West Union 29 June 1870.

Dotson Garrison	28	MW	Farmer RE \$1662, Pers. \$300, VA	
Eliza*	66	FW	Keeping house	Ohio
Emsy	22	FW	At home	VA
Clark, John	12	MW		VA
Moore, Ellen	11	FW (adopted daughter)		VA

* Elizabeth Edleblute Dotson, widow of Zachariah, mother of Garrison and Emsy.

Transcript of Deed-1864-Heirs of Zachariah Dotson (Uriah, Alfred, William, Mary A., Emzy Dotson and Louisa Doak), deed for 147 acres land on Willms Creek to Garrison and Charles Dotson”

“This deed made the 26th day of December in the year eighteen hundred and sixty four between Uriah Dotson, Alfred Dotson, William Dotson, Mary Ann Dotson, Louisa Doak and Emzy Dotson of the first part being children and heirs at law of Zachariah Dotson deceased, and Charles Dotson and Garrison Dotson of the second part; Witnesseth that for

and in consideration of seventy five dollars paid by the said Charles and Garrison Dotson to each of the parties of the first part and two hundred and seventy five dollars in addition thereto paid to William Dotson one of the parties of the first part. They do convey unto the said Charles and Garrison Dotson all their right title and interest that they had inherited from their father Zachariah Dotson deceased in a certain tract of land lying in Doddridge County on the waters of Arnold Creek near Central Station and bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at a pine thence S60E 79 poles to a water Gap, thence N52E 10 1/2 poles ;thence S64E 8 1/2 poles to a stone pile; thence N? or 4,6W 9 1/4 poles to a stone; thence S45E 107 1/2 poles to stone thence S47W1-? poles to two hickories; thence S88W 32 poles to a chestnut oak; thence S30W 32 1/2 poles to a pin oak; thence S55W 63 poles to a stone and pointers; thence N47 W 169 poles to a stone pole ; thence S46 1/2E 120 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and forty six acres more or less. It being the same tract of land upon which the said Zachariah Dotson deceased lived and conveyed to him by Thomas D Scott and wife and embracing the piece purchased by William Dotson out of the said tract of 146 acres and pieces conveyed by the said Zachariah to the said William Dotson and for which the additional two hundred and seventy five dollars is paid to the said William Dotson one of the parties of the first part to have and to hold unto the said Charles and Garrison Dotson their heirs and assigns all the aforesaid interest of the parties of the first part forever, and the parties of the first part do agree to warrant and defend unto the parties of second part their aforesaid interest in said tract of lands generally in testimony whereof the following signatures and seals:

	Alfred Dotson Seal
	Mary A Dotson Seal
US Intr. Rev.—	Louisa I? Doak Seal
	William Dotson Seal
	Uriah Dotson Seal
	Eleanor Dotson Seal (wife of Uriah)
	Elizabeth Dotson Seal (wife of Alfred)

Township of Central in Doddridge County to wit;

I R H Baker a justice of the Township aforesaid in the State of West Virginia do certify that Alfred Dotson whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 26th day of December 1864. acknowledged the same before me in my Township aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 16th day January 1865.

R H Baker Justice

State of Iowa Warren County..S S

On this 15th day of April A D 1865 before me a Notary Public in and for said county, personally came Uriah Dotson and Eleanor Dotson his wife personally to me known to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the above deed as Grantors and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and official seal the day and year above written.

W M Marshman, Notary Public

Township of Central in Doddridge County to wit: I R H Baker a Justice of the Township aforesaid in the state of West Virginia do certify that Mary A Dotson, Louisa I

Doak and William Dotson whose names are signed to the within writing bearing date on the 20th day December 1864 acknowledged the same before me in my Township aforesaid. Given under my hand this February 17th 1865.

R H Baker, Justice

State of West Virginia Doddridge County to wit:

I Jacob Beninger a Justice in the county and state aforesaid do certify that Elizabeth Dotson, wife of Alfred Dotson- whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date Dec 16th 1864 had this day acknowledged privately and apart from her said husband to be her act and deed and declared that she willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this the 31th day of March 1866.

Jacob Beninger Justice

State of West Virginia

Doddridge County Recorders Office. March 7th 1871. The foregoing deed from Alfred Dotson and others to Charles and Garrison Dotson was this day presented in the Recorders office aforesaid and admitted to record.

Teste; A C Holmes Recorder

Note; Charles and Mariah Jane his wife conveyed their interest in this 146 acre tract to Garrison Dotson Dodd. Deeds Vol. 8, p. 47, 31 March 1866.

Zachariah Dotson and Elizabeth Edleblute were parents of nine known children (eight by name):

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.- Uriah Dotson, b. ca 1822 | Chapter XII-1 |
| 2.- Male Dotson, b. ca 1823-1824 | XII-2 |
| 3.- Charles Dotson, b. 1825 | XII-3 |
| 4.- Alfred Dotson, b. 1827 | XII-4 |
| 5.- William Dotson, b. 1830 | XII-5 |
| 6.- Mary A. Dotson, b. ca. 1836 | XII-6 |
| 7.- James Garrison Dotson, b. 1837 | XII-7 |
| 8.- Louisa Jane Dotson, b. 1839 | XII-8 |
| 9.- Emsy Dotson, b. 1844-46 | XII-9 |

Note; in addition to the nine above, two older daughters were born to Elizabeth prior to 1820, thus making her a mother of eleven. This number agrees with her obituary published in two Kansas newspapers, based on information furnished by her adopted daughter Ellen Moore, with whom Elizabeth was living at the time of her death in 1899. Neither of the two older daughters have been identified.

CHAPTER XII-1 URIAH DOTSON

Uriah Dotson, b. ca. 1822.

We know that Uriah was a son of Zachariah from the deed of 1864 shown above. He had moved out of his father's household before the census of 1850. Based on the ages and birthplaces of his children shown below in the census of 1860, he was in Missouri in 1844, then Iowa by 1848. He was living in Iowa in 1865 when he acknowledged the 1864 deed; also in the 1870 census of Iowa. We have not researched Uriah further.

From the 1860 census of Iowa; Warren Co. Richland Township Hartford PO Dwl 682 Fam 638:

Uriah Dotson	39	M W Farmer \$2000 \$700	VA
Eleanor	37	F W	Ohio
William C *	16	MW	Mo
Charles W	12	MW	Iowa
Eliza L	9	FW	Iowa
Lewis B	6	MW	Iowa
Martha McManan	31	FW	Ind
Sarah C	7	FW	Iowa
Nancy L	—	—	Iowa
Morris M Barge	25	M Lawyer and Engineer	Ohio

From the 1870 census of Iowa; Warren Co. Richland Twp. Hartford PO Dwl 11 Fam 11:

Dotson Uriah	48	MW Farmer RE \$4800 Per\$1000	VA
Eleanor	47	FW Keeps house	Ohio
Eliza S?	19	FW at home	Iowa
Lewis B	16	MW at home	Iowa
Mary	9	FW	Iowa
Cordelia	7	FW	Iowa

3 non relatives

1870 census of Iowa; Warren Co. Richland Twp. Hartford PO Dwl 12 Fam 12:

*Dotson William	26	MW farmer Pers\$36	Mo
Nehaska	22	FW Keeps house	Ind.
Wesley	4	MW	Iowa
George	2	MW	Iowa
Uriah	4/12	MW Jan	Iowa

1870 census of Iowa; Warren Co. Richland Twp. Hartford PO Dwl 13 Fam 13:

Myers, Strawder	62		b. Ohio
Dotson Samuel	27	MW farmer	Ill
Hannah	32	FW Keeps house	Ohio
Lucy	3	FW	Iowa
Hettie	1	FW	Iowa

Note: We do not know how this last family of Samuel Dotson fits in, if at all, with the Uriah Dotson family; it is included here because of the next door proximity to the Uriah Dotson family and that of Uriah's son William.

From the 1920 census soundex of California; Los Angeles 38 144 5 64 Los Angeles 5467 Fourth Ave:

Dotson Uriah G	W	38	Iowa
Dolly M	W	38	Ill
Donald L	S	13	NE
Lucille M	D	11	Minn
Helen F	D	5	NE
Louia B	S	0 3/12	CA

While the foregoing Uriah G Dotson has not been positively connected to the Uriah Dotson family from WV, it seems very probable and is therefore included here.

CHAPTER XII-2.
MALE DOTSON.

Male Dotson, b. 1823-1824. Enumerated in his father Zachariah's household in the 1830 census of Harrison county as one of the three in the age group 5-10; then in the 1840 census of Tyler county, as one of the three in the age group 15-20. Not listed by name in the 1850 census, nor as one his father's heirs in the deed cited above in 1864. It must be concluded that he died before 1864, probably before 1850.

CHAPTER XII-3
CHARLES DOTSON

Charles Dotson, b. 1825 (1850 census). (Born 1830 from m. record but this age must be in error.) d. Apr. 18, 1899.

He m. Marie Jane Doak. Marie Jane Doak, m(1) Simon Coleman; divorced; then m (2) Charles Dotson.

This marriage in Tyler County:

"17 Nov. 1864...Charles Dotson, 34...son of Zachariah and Eliza Dotson ...and Marie J. Doak, 27...divorced in Harrison Co...Daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth Doak by James L. Hensley."

For additional information see page 71, *The Doak Family*.³

Charles Dotson was a Union soldier in the Civil War: Sgt. Co. E, 6th W. Va. Inf. 1861-1864.

Regimental history summary:

The 6th Regiment was organized to guard the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. A skirmish at Bridgeport was part of a raid by Confederate Gen. William E. Jones on the Northwestern (Baltimore & Ohio) Railroad from April 21 to May 21, 1863. He also attacked at Fairmont, Weston, and West Union.

Summary of Charles Dotson Pension Record, Civil War, U. S. Nat'l Archives
(transcribed by Linda L. Warden, 1982)

Enrolled at Wheeling, from Pennsboro, W. Va. Sept. 2, 1861, age 35. Discharged at Wheeling, W. Va. Sept. 10, 1864.

Captured by Confederates Apr. 30, 1863 at Bridgeport. Regiment was in action at Bridgeport. March of 8 days, prisoners had to work. Only 1 pint of flour and (number unclear) small crackers during the march. Confined at Richmond, Va. May 9, 1863, Libby Prison. Paroled at City Point, Va. May 15. Sent to convalescent hospital near Alexandria, Va., then to Camp Tyler Hospital near Baltimore. Returned to duty Sept. 24. 18 days a prisoner, total absence from Regt. 6 months. Entered hospital at Cumberland, Md. from the field, June 1, 1864, for inflammation of tonsils. Sent to Wheeling July 25.

Residences after service:

Doddridge Co. W. Va. Occupation; farming, only able to do light work. Spring 1869, moved to Lawrence Kansas. Spring 1870, moved to Cloud Co. Kansas, Arion Township. At time of death, lived in Concordia Cloud Co. Kansas, owned property.

Marriage:

Maria J. Doak Nov. 17, 1864. Schuler, Center Township, Tyler Co. W. Va. Charles not previously married. Maria previously married Dec. 17, 1858 to Simon D. Coleman.

He abandoned her after two years. In Oct. 1864 he was living with Mary M. Hagan. Divorce granted Oct. 10, 1864. Chancery Ord Book No. 2, p. 306, Tyler Co.

Children of Charles and Maria:

Nathan Sherman Dotson, born Oct. 11, 1865.

Charles died: Apr. 18, 1899 Concordia, Kansas. Neuritis, disease of stomach.

Maria died: May 24, 1918 Concordia Kansas.

Affidavits filed for Charles: Whitman Doak, Hiram M. Doak, Nathan Doak, Perry Doak, John W. McDonald (also captured at Bridgeport), Eliza Dotson (signed with her mark, an "X")

End of pension record

From the 1900 census soundex Kansas; Cloud Co Concordia East Sixth 10 18 27 76:

Dotson, Maria J W June 1837 62 WV

Living alone

Charles went to Kansas in 1869. Buried Wilcox Cemetery, Concordia, Kansas.

Parents of one son:

1.- Sherman Dotson, b. Oct. 11, 1865, m. Sadie Seyster. One child:

a.- Carrie Dotson, m. Carl Chritten. One child:

1.- Naomi Chritten, m. Charles Johnson. One child:

(1) Carleton Johnson.

CHAPTER XII-4.

ALFRED DOTSON.

Alfred Dotson, b. in Tyler Co., 3 May 1827 (pension record and tombstone). He m. Elizabeth Garner. This marriage in Doddridge County: "28 Feb. 1851...Alfred Dotson, 21; Parents, Zachariah; & Elizabeth Garner, 17...Parents, Delia."

From the 1860 census of VA; Wood Co. Belleville PO; Dwl 212 Fam. 212:

Alfred Dodson	33	M	Farm Laborer	\$60 \$55	VA
Elizabeth	24	F	wife		VA
Uriah O	8	M			VA
Chas	6	M			VA
Elizabeth A	4	F			VA
Mary C(or E)	3	F			VA

From the 1870 Census of WV; Wood CO. p. 336 255 226:

Dotson Alfred	43	M	W	Farmer	—	\$30	VA
Elizabeth	34	F	W	Keeping house			VA
Uriah A	18	M	W	Farm help			VA
Charles F	16	M	W	Farm help			VA
Alice E	14	F	W				VA
Mary C	12	F	W				VA
Ana E	9	F	W				VA
Ada B	7	F	W				WV
Sarah E	3	F	W				WV
Amelia	1	F	W				WV

From the 1880 census soundex Kansas; Cloud Co. Arion Twp 4 39 27 5:

Dotson Alfred	W M	55	VA
Elizabeth	W	45	VA
Austin	S	27	VA
Ann E	D	19	VA
Sarah	D	14	VA
Amelia	D	11	VA
Bertie	S	8	KS
John	S	5	KS

From the 1900 soundex of Kansas; Cloud Co. Concordia E. Eight St.101817 83:

Dotson, Alford	W	May 1827	73	WV
Elizabeth T?	W	Jan. 1835	65	VA
James B (Bertie)	S	May 1872	28	KS
Mooney, John	Bo.	June 1869	30	PA

Alfred Dotson was a soldier in the Union Army.

The following is a summary of his Pension Record, Civil War, US Nat'l Archives (transcribed by Linda L. Warden, 1982):

Service

Pvt. Co. G, 10th and 15th W.Va. Volunteer Inf. (May 1865-transferred to 10th Regt.) Enlisted 8-30-1862 at Bellville, Va. Discharged 6-29-1865 at Richmond, Va. Lived 4 yrs at Bellville, moved to Kansas in 1871.

Wounded before daylight Oct. 19, 1864 at the battle of Cedar Creek, Va. About 40 rods from the breastworks under attack, during the retreat, was hit by a spent ball just behind right ear. Knocked down, wrenched back. Base of skull fractured. Hospitalized in Winchester. Rebels were repulsed later in afternoon. Hospitalized in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Grafton. Returned to duty Apr. 1, 1865, arrived May 1 in front of Richmond.

Disability: nearly total deafness of right ear, lumbago from injury of spine, 1884-lost sight in right eye.

Description at enlistment: age 34, 5'9", dark, brown hair, black eyes

Property in W. Va. was destroyed and wasted by Rebel Bushwhackers. He moved to Arion Township, Cloud Co. Kansas in 1871. Occupation: farming.

Married: Elizabeth Garner on March 6, 1851. West Union, W. Va. no previous marriages

Children (living):

Charles F. b. 11-10-1853

Alice E. 1-4-1856

Mary C. 2-14-1858

Ann E. 10-3-1860

Sarah E. 1-19-1867

Amelia L. 12-11-1868

James B. 5-24-1872

John S. 10-29-1874

Died: Jan. 22, 1907. Concordia, Kansas. He owned one acre in the city. No will. Widow's address: 806 East 7th St. Concordia.

Elizabeth died: April 23, 1909.

Affidavits filed for Alfred:

Charles Dotson, brother 1-17-1898. Residence: P. O. Concordia.

George Doak, age 32. 8-6-1881. A near neighbor, acquainted 10-11 yrs.

Garrison Dotson, brother. 7-24-1883.

Emsie Doak, sister, age 39, 7-24-1883 and age 52, 1-7-1898

Maria J. Dotson, wife of a late brother Charles, age 62, 1899. For last 3 yrs. Alfred lived 1 block from her (stated on 9-21-1900). Also stated: in 1869 a brother came to Kansas with wife Maria J. Dotson.

Affidavits filed for Elizabeth after Alfred's death:

A. R. Moore, age 47. 7-30-1907. Concordia.

Nathan Doak, age 67. 2-6-1907. Knew Dotsons in W. Va.

Maria J. Dotson. 1907. Sister-in-law

End of pension recordRegimental History Summary

After marching on Washington, D. C. in July, 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early was driven back to the Shenandoah Valley, where he was defeated at Cedar Creek. The Federals at first retreated, but later that day they won the battle, after Gen. Philip Sheridan made his famous 14-mile ride from Winchester.

Parents of ten children:

1.- Uriah A (Austin) Dotson, b. ca. 1852-53

In father Alfred's household in Wood Co. in 1870, as Uriah A, age 18; in 1880 in Cloud Co. Kansas, Austin, age 27; not listed as one of his father's living children in his pension application, 1907.

2.- Charles F. Dotson. b. 10 Nov 1853

From the 1880 census soundex KS; Cloud Co. Anion Twp: 4 39 28 9:

Dotson	Charles F	W M	25	WV
	Amanda M	W	24	WV
	Alfred H	S	1	KS

From the 1900 census soundex Kansas; Clay Co Oakland Twp 9 8 9 24:

Dodson, Chas. F	W	Nov 1853	46	WV
Amanda M	W	Oct 1854	45	WV
Alfred H	S	Feb 1878	22	KS
Stella M	D	Oct 1883	16	KS
James G	S	Aug 1888	11	KS
Charles R	S	Jan 1890	10	KS
Florance D	D	Nov 1894	5	KS

3.- Alice E. Dotson, b. Jan 4, 1856. m. George Doak in Kansas.

4.- Mary C. Dotson, b. Feb 14, 1858. m. _____ Kissinger.

5.- Ann E. Dotson b. Oct 3, 1860

6.- Ada B. Dotson, b. ca. 1863

In her father Alfred's household in the 1870 census of Wood County, age 7; not in 1880 census or listed as a living child of Alfred in his pension application 1907.

7.- Sarah E. Dotson b. Jan 19, 1867

8.- Amelia L. Dotson, b. Dec 11, 1868 m. a Moore. It is believed that this was the A. R. Moore, (age 47, 7-30-1907) who filed an affidavit in Concordia on behalf of Elizabeth Dotson, Alfred Dotson's widow. (see above)

9.- James B. (Bertie) Dotson. b. May 24, 1872

10.- John S. Dotson. b. Oct 29, 1874

CHAPTER XII-5.
WILLIAM DOTSON.

William Dotson, b. Dec 20, 1830; d. Mar 30, 1885 Doddridge Co.; m. Mary Richards on June 7, 1853.

This marriage in Doddridge County: "7 June 1853...William Dotson, 23...Parents, Zachariah; & Mary Richards, 17...Parents, Webster." She was a dau. of John W. Richards and Sarah Richards (1850 census of Dodd. Co.)

William Dotson d. Mar. 30, 1885

From Doddridge Co. Deaths Vol. 3, p. 43 line 20: "Dotson, Wm, white, male, died Mar 30, 1885 Doddridge Co. cause of death fever; age 54y - -, parents——, b. Dodd. Co.; occup. farming; consort Mary Dotson, wife."

In the Duckworth Cemetery, Greenwood, Doddridge Co.: "DOTSON Mary 1831-1916 William 1830-1885"

From the 1860 census of WV; Doddridge Co. Dwl. 639, Fam. 640; West Union:

Wm Dotson	29	M	Farmer	RE\$300	VA
Jane	24	F			
Franklin	4	M			
Sarah L	2	F			

From the 1870 census of WV: Doddridge Co. Dwl. 145 Fam. 137:

Dotson Wm.	37	MW	Farmer	RE\$1200	Per\$150	VA
Mary	31	FW	Kps. hse.			VA
Franklin	14	MW				
Leanora V	12	FW				
Walter	10	MW				
Evan	7	MW				
Minor	6	MW				
Ada	4	FW				
Claud D	1	MW				

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 122 021:

Dotson Wm	WM	49		Farmer	VA VA PA
Mary	WF	43	Wife	Keeping hse.	VA VA VA
Walter	WM	20	Son	Att. school	VA VA VA
Evan	WM	18	Son	farm laborer	VA VA VA
Minor	WM	16	Son	farm laborer	WV VA VA
Claud	WM	11	Son	farm laborer	WV VA VA
Landy	WM	9	Son	at home	WV VA VA
Ada	WF	14	Dau	at home	WV VA VA
Lellie A	WF	5	Dau	at home	WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Dodd Central Dist 5 20 10 82:

Dotson Mary	W	Aug 1837	62	WV
Curtis	S	July 1874	25	
Lilian	D	Dec 1876	23	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0032:

Dotson Mary	H W	73	WV WV
Sandy	S	39	WV
Lillian F	D	34	WV

Parents of nine children (note: the full birth-dates of these nine children are listed in their mother Mary's bible):

1.- Franklin Pierce Dotson, b. 15 Dec 1854; d. 28 Nov 1946.

From Index and Register of Births-Doddridge County, W. VA., Bk 1, p. 5: "Dec 15, 1854, Dotson Franklin P., Male, parents Mary & Wm. Dotson".

He m. 5 Feb 1879, Nancy Clark. She b. 1 June 1857; d. 25 Feb 1949.

From Doddridge Co. Marriages, Vol 1-A, p. 232; "Dotson, Franklin, age 24; Feb 5, 1879, m. Nancy L. Clark, age 21"

(Dau. of William Clark. See William Clark's diary, *Clay District Ritchie Co.*⁴)

William Clark lived on the Greenwood Hill; his dau. Kate Clark Hudkins lived on the Greenwood Hill; his dau. Nancy Clark (wife of Franklin Pierce Dotson) also lived on the Greenwood Hill. All three kept diaries covering the period from 1874 to 1945. Linda Warden has the original of Nancy Clark's diary. Hobart Ellifritt has the originals of William Clark's and Kate Hudkins' diaries. Barr Wilson has transcribed copies of these diaries which run to over 2000 pages; copies of these transcriptions have been placed in the Doddridge Co. Library and the Ritchie Co. Library.

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge 121 026:

Dotson Frank	WM	25		Laborer	VA VA VA
N L	WF	22	Wife	Housekeeper	VA VA VA

(Four boarders, wks on sawmill)

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Dodd Cent 5 20 11 5:

Dotson Franklin	W	Dec 1854	45	WV
Nannie L	W	June 1857	42	WV
Leonard D	S	July 1880	19	WV
Ernest D	S	Apr 1886	14	WV
Clyde	S	Apr 1889	11	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0089:

Dotson Franklin P	H W	55	WV WV
Mammie	W	52	WV
Earnest D	S	24	WV
Clyde	S	21	WV

In Doddridge Co. Deaths, Vol. 5 p. 44b "Dotson, Franklin Pierce d. Greenwood WVa Male white married d. Nov 28, 1946 b. Dec 15, 1854 age 91y 11m 13d Farmer b WV father William Dotson mother Mary Richards; buried Nov 30, 1946 Duckworth Cemetery Greenwood; information Clyde Dotson Greenwood cause of death myacarditis, senelity"

In the Duckworth cemetery: "Dotson Nancy L 1857-1949; Franklin P 1854-1946".

Three children:

a.- Leonard Otis Dotson, b. 19 July 1880; d. 3 Nov 1963.

From the Index and Register of Births Doddridge County, Vol. 1, p. 8; "July 19, 1880, Dotson Leonard O., male, parents Nancy L. and Franklin P. Dotson"

He m. Vashti Johnson, 11 April 1906. She b. 11 April 1883; d. 1 May 1964; dau of John Casper Johnson and Alice O'Toole. Vashti was the 13th child of 14. This is a bible record. See "Johnson Family Records" in *Clay District Ritchie County*⁵

In Ritchie Marriages: "11 April 1906...Leonard Dotson...age 25...b. Doddridge...resident Harrison...m. Vashti Leah Johnson...age 22...b. Ritchie."

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Harrison Clarksburg 015 0019 0195:

Dotson Leonard O	H W	29	WV WV
Vashti	W	27	WV
Loxie	D	02	WV
Ernest	B	24	WV

Parents of two children:

1.- Loxie Lee Dotson, b. 23 Feb 1908. She m. Carson McClain Borrer (1903-1981), 16 June 1926. Loxie d. 14 Jan 1979; Carson d. 27 Jan 1981. One child:

(1) Barbara Lee Borrer, b. 22 March 1927. She m. 16 Sept 1949, Burdett S. Warden, Jr. They have; Linda Lee Warden, (Note; *major contributor to this Zachariah Dotson history.*) b. 16 July 1951, and Janet Susan Warden, b. 4 March 1954.

2.- Vivian Ann Dotson, b. 14 Jan 1912. She m. 27 Jan 1932, Carroll M. Dotson.

Two children:

(1) David Alan Dotson, b. 30 Dec 1932; m. 3 May 1958, Rosina Dolores Copeland. They have; David Alan Dotson, Jr., b. 4 Nov 1960; and Darin Lee Dotson, b. 23 Jan 1967.

(2) Robert Lee Dotson, b. 12 Dec 1940; m. Janet Sue Hager. They have; Zachary Lee Dotson, b. 25 Nov 1967 and Jennifer Paige Dotson, b. 7 Sept 1971.

b.- Ernest Delmont Dotson, b. 18 April 1886; d. 3 April 1954.

From the Index and Register of Births Doddridge County, Vol. 1, p. 145; "Apr. 18, 1886; Dotson Earnest D; male, parents Nancy and Franklin Dotson"

Single. Living with his brother Leonard in Harrison County in the 1910 census. He was a mail clerk on the railroad.

In Index and Register of Deaths Doddridge County, Vol. 5 p. 44-e, "Ernest D. Dotson, d. Apr 3, 1954, parents Frank P Dotson"

In the Duckworth cemetery "Ernest Dotson 1886-1954"

c.- Clyde Dotson, b. 9 April 1889; d. 7 Nov 1973.

From the Index and Register of Births Doddridge County; Vol. 2, p. 74; "Apr. 9, 1889; Dotson Clyde, male; parents Nancy L and Franklin P. Dotson"

He m. Edna Ellefritt, 20 Oct. 1917. She b. 16 Feb 1893; d. 10 June 1971. No children. Edna Ellefritt is an Ellifritts descendant and also of the Duckworth Family. Mary Jane Dotson m. Samuel Ellefritt. See chapter "The Ellifritts Family" in *Descendants of John Wilson*⁶ and *The Duckworth Family*.⁷

2.- Lenora V. Dotson, b. 23 Sept 1856.

In Doddridge Co. Marriages: "15 Dec 1879...Columbus B. Summerville...age 24...m. Lenora Dotson...age 23" Not in the 1880 census of Doddridge, Ritchie, Wood, Harrison, Wirt, Gilmer or Calhoun counties of WV.

Information from Linda Warden regarding Lenora. "In 1916, in her mother's obituary, she is listed 'Mrs. Nora Ellifritts.' In 1946 obituaries of her brothers Corsandy and Frank, she is 'Mrs. Nora Ellifritz'. Altha and Ray Hudkins told me her husband's name was John Ellifritt. Perhaps he was a 2nd husband. Lenora probably died before 1956, because she is not listed in the 1956 obituary of brother Minor."

3.- Walter L. Dotson, b. 15 March 1859.

In his father William Dotson's household age 20 in the 1880 census. According to family, he and his wife went to Oklahoma. No further information.

4.- Evan Ambrose Dotson, b. 1 April 1860.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Dodd Centr. 5 20 10 76:

Dotson Evan	W	Apr 1861	39	WV
Grace	W	Dec 1877	22	WV
Orland	S	June 1898	1	WV
Dulcia	D	Apr 1899	1	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0215:

Dotson Evans	H W	49	WV WV
Emme G	W	32	WV
Orland K	S	11	WV
Dullie W	D	10	WV
Chrystal D	D	07	WV
Paul A	S	05	WV

Evan also had a son named Randall.

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 10 33 5 74:

Dotson Evan W	55	WV
Orland	S	21 WV
Dulcie*	D	19 WV
Crystal	D	17 WV
Paul A	S	14 WV
Randall	S	8 WV

In the Index and Register of Deaths- Doddridge County, Vol. 5, p. 44:

“Dotson Evan Ambrose, M, d. Jan 24, 1941, parents William Dotson”

*From Wood Co. Marriages: “11 April 1923; Mason, Cecil Henry 28, Doddridge and Dotson, Dulcie Winifred 23 Doddridge”

5.- Minor E. Dotson, b. 6 Oct 1863; d. 9 Oct 1956.

From the Register of Deaths Doddridge Co. Vol. 5, p. 44-E; “Dotson, Minor E., M, d. Oct 9, 1956 parents Mary Richards William Dotson” and Vol. 5, p. 44-D; “Dotson Lulie S., F, d. Aug 8, 1953, parents Susan Smith E. H. O’Donnell”

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Dodd Central Dist 5 20 6 40 Enumerated with O’Donnell, E H

Dotson Minor E	W	son-in-law	Oct 1863		WV
Dotson Laura O?	W	daughter	Oct 1860	39	WV
Dotson Edward B	W	grandson	Apr 1894	6	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0026 0214. Enumerated with O’Donnell Edmond H H W

Dotson Minor E	SL	46	WV	WV
Dotson Louisa	D	47	WV	WV
Dotson Edmaond	GS	16	WV	WV

6.- Ada Dotson, b. 23 Nov 1865; d. 29 Sept 1960; m. Hiram Henry, 22 Feb 1887. One child:
a.- Infant Son, b. 8 March 1892; d. 15 March 1892.

7.- Claude D. Dotson, b. 5 Sept 1869.

In his father William Dotson’s household in the 1870 census of Doddridge, age 1, and in 1880 age 11,
No further information.

8.- Corsandy C. Dotson, b. 10 July 1871.

In his father William Dotson’s household in the 1880 census of Doddridge, Landy age 9; in his mother Mary’s household in the 1900 census of Doddridge, Curtis age 25, born July 1874; and in 1910, Sandy, age 39. Died 26 Feb 1946; did not marry.

9.- Lillian Dotson, b. 5 Dec 1875.

In her mother Mary’s household in the 1900 census of Doddridge, age 23, b. Dec. 1876; and in 1910, age 34. Her will was probated 29 July 1952. Her fiance died of pneumonia several months before their wedding was to have occurred; she never married.

CHAPTER XII-6

MARY ANN DOTSON.

Mary A. Dotson, b. ca. 1836

In the household of her father Zachariah Dotson in the 1850 census, age 14; and in the 1860 census, age 21.

On February 17th 1865 in Doddridge County, acknowledged her signature on deed of Dec 20, 1864, as heir-at-law of her father Zachariah Dotson. No other information.

CHAPTER XII-7
LOUISA DOTSON.

Louisa Dotson, b. 26 Nov 1839; d. 16 March 1899. She m(1) Almarine Doak. He was a son of Hiram and Elizabeth Joseph Doak. See page 71, the *History and Genealogy of the Doak Family*.⁸

This marriage in Doddridge County: 27 Feb. 1856...Louisa Dotson, 16...single...b. Dodd.Co...res.Dodd.Co...Parents,Zachariah&Elizabeth;&AbramDoak,21...single...born Tyler Co...res. Tyler Co...Parents, Hiram & Elizabeth.”

Another record: “28 Jan. 1855...Laerence Doak, 21...Parents Wyman M. Doak; & Louisa Dotson, 16...Parents, Z. Dotson.”

Almarine Doak was killed in battle, 14 June 1863 at Martinsburg, WV. He was a Union soldier. After the death of Almarine Doak; Louisa Dotson, m (2) on 10 Dec 1865 Samuel Perry Doak a brother of Almarine Doak.

Three children by m. (1); No children by m. (2)

- 1.- Victoria Doak, m. Charles Guttery. Three children:
 - a.- Charles Perry Guttery.
 - b.- Orville Grant Guttery.
 - c.- John Almarine Guttery, m. Had four children.
- 2.- William Doak, m. Annie McCall. Eleven children:
 - a.- Frank Doak, m. Ethel _____. One child:
 - 1.- Ann Doak (adopted).
 - b.- Edd Doak, m. Ruth Elizabeth Stillwell.
 - c.- Pearl Doak, m. Fred Walker. Five children:
 - 1.- Irene Walker.
 - 2.- Morrison Walker.
 - 3.- Margaret Walker.
 - 4.- Letha Walker.
 - 5.- Mary Ann Walker.
 - d.- Wilma Doak.
 - e.- Nellie Doak, m. Portis Smith. One child:
 - 1.- Portis Smith, Jr.
 - f.- Violet Doak. Single.
 - g.- William W. Doak, m. Mable Cole. Two children:
 - 1.- Barbara Doak, m. Had three children.
 - 2.- William “Billy” Doak, m. Had three children.
 - h.- Anita Doak, m. Raymond Matthews. Four children:
 - 1.- Earle Matthews.
 - 2.- Raymond Matthews.
 - 3.- Rose Ann Matthews.
 - 4.- McDwight Matthews.
 - i.- Harley Doak, m. Ruth Sherman.

- j.- Grace Doak, m. Raymond Garey. One child:
 - 1.- Donna Rae Garey.
- k.- Ruth Doak. Single.

- 3.- Jasper Doak, m. Amanda York. One child:
 - a.- Earl Doak (adopted).

CHAPTER XII-8.

JAMES GARRISON DOTSON.

James Garrison Dotson, b. Aug 20, 1837. He m. Helen M. Dotson, dau. of Wm. White & Mary Cross Dotson. (Chapter VIII-2).

This marriage in Doddridge County: "15 March 1871...James G. Dotson, 30...single...b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co... Parents, Zachariah & Eliza; and Hellen M. Dotson, 26...single... b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Wm. W. & Mary Dotson."

From the 1880 census soundex of Kansas; Cloud Co. Arion Twp 4 39 26 47:

Dotson Garrison	W M	43	VA
Helen	W	36	VA
Dorance	S	8	KS
Early E	S	7/12	KS

From the 1900 census soundex of Oregon; Josephine Co. North Grants Pass Twp; Grants Pass; 6 23 6 93:

Dotson James G	W	May 1836	64	VA
Helen	W	Oct 1841	58	VA
Earl E	S	Oct 1879	20	KS

From the 1900 census soundex of Oregon; Josephine Co Waldo Pct:

Dotson, Dorence E	W	Oct 1871	28	WV
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enumerated with Decker Chas M., boarder

James Garrison Dotson was a Union soldier in the Civil War, serving as Pvt. Co. E, 6th W. Va. Inf., 1862-1865, previously in Co. F.

Information from pension record, Civil War, U. S. Nat'l Archives (Summary-transcribed by Linda L. Warden, 1980):

Enlisted 1-10-1862, discharged 6-10-1865; pension application filed 2-25-1880; widow, \$20 per month, commencing 11-9-1916 and \$25 from 10-6-1917.

Height; 6 ft. 1 in.; florid complexion, brown eyes, red hair.

Born 8-20-1837 (some papers say 6-20-1837, but in a letter, he says the correct date is 8-20-1837). He says that his parents told him the Bible containing family records was destroyed by floods in Virginia when he was a boy.

Summary of his account of his life: Was a resident of Va. before enlistment. Went to Pike's Peak fall 1860; from there to Iowa until 1861—worked on a farm. Went back to Va. in Jan. 1862 and enlisted. Was taken sick at Cumberland, Md., Spring 1864—measles and a cold, developed erysipelas (a disease of the head affecting hearing and eyesight) from being moved to Claysville. Lived in Va. from discharge (6-10-1865) until 1871. Moved to Cloud Co., Kansas (Macyville) in 1871. Then moved to Oregon.

Address 1039 N. 9th St., Grants Pass, Oregon. Died Oct 21, 1916, Grants Pass, Oregon.

Married Helen M. Dotson on Mar 3, 1871 (all papers say Mar 3 except one, marriage record in Doddridge Co. W. Va., which says Mar 15).

Helen M. Dotson: maiden name also Dotson; born near West Union, W. Va. (Doddridge Co.) on Dec. 12, 1842. Parents of Helen: William and Mary Dotson. (Chap. VIII-2) (1860 census Wm age 45, Mary age 38)

Brothers and sisters of Helen: Sophronia, Salathiel, Jasper, Victoria, Marshall, Josephine, Lavernia, Catherine, Floyd, Walter, Leanna.

Helen died on Apr 24, 1923.

Children of Garrison and Helen Dotson:

Dorrance E. b. 12-22-1872, living in Takoma, Wash. as of 3-28-1917

Minnie b. 8-17-1874 d. age 4yrs. 2 mos.

Early E. b. 10-31-1879 d. 2-14-1908

Affidavits filed to support claim for pension:

Charles Dotson, age 54, and Isaac Powell, age 38. Mar 6, 1880, Cloud Co. Kansas

Hiram Doak, age 61. Jan. 26, 1882. Concordia, Kansas.

Nathan Doak, age 42. Jan. 26, 1882. Concordia, Kansas.

Winfield S. Morris (farm hand), age 29, Jan. 26, 1882. Concordia.

Doctor's statements—Dr. D. B. Moore.

CHAPTER XII-9 EMSY DOTSON.

Emzy (Emsey) Dotson, b. ca. 1846

Enumerated in the household of her father Zachariah Dotson in the censuses of 1850, age 4; 1860, age 15; and 1870, age 22. On her tombstone in Morrison Cemetery, Macyville Kansas, her birthdate was given as July 1844. Emsy signed a deed in 1865 in Doddridge Co. as one of her father Zachariah's heirs-at-law.

She m. Nathan Doak May 26, 1874 (pension record) in Concordia, Kansas. For his family see *Doak Family*,⁹ page 72.

Nathan Doak was a Union soldier in the Civil War. He was a Pvt. Co. C, 7th W. Va. Inf., 1861-63, then First Sgt. Co. C, 6th W. Va. Inf., 1864-65. He was wounded and captured at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va. May 3, 1863 and was a prisoner for 12 days.

Parents of five children:

- 1.- Minor Doak, b. 29 June 1874; d. 3 Sept. 1902. He m. Bessie Hogue. Three children:
 - a.- Myrtle Doak, m. Gail Schuster. No children.
 - b.- Earl Doak, m. Lela Wilson. Two children:
 - 1.- Dewain Doak.
 - 2.- Iona Doak.
 - c.- Edd Doak, m. Alma Bender. Two children:
 - 1.- Donald Doak.
 - 2.- Ramona Doak.
- 2.- Eliza Doak. Never married.

3.- Maude Doak, m. Eura Pitts. Five children:

a.- Ruby Pitts, m. (1) Bert Paddock. One child: 1.- Joe Paddock (adopted). He m. and divorced. Three children

a.- Ruby divorced Bert Craddock. She m. (2) Charles Hunter.

b.- Edith Pitts, m. Hobart M. Miller. Two children:

1.- Margie Miller, m. Mike McKibbens. Divorced.

2.- Arlene Miller, m. Jack Waldon. Two children: (1) Gary Walden. (2) Jeanne Walden.

c.- Doris Pitts, m. (1) Richard W. Moodenbaugh. Divorced.

c.- Doris Pitts, m. (2) Harry Kessler. No children.

d.- Raymond Pitts, (d. 27 Jan 1968; m. Audre Feasel, 4 Sept 1929. One child:

1.- Dorothy Jeanne Pitts, b. 26 May 1920; d. 6 Oct 1966; m. Robert L. Mickey 26 Dec 1946. Two children: (1) Ronald Bruce Mickey; d. May 1970. (2) Douglas Scott Mickey, m. Nancy Gardner, 18 July 1970.

e.- Clyde Pitts, m. Ester Lindlund, September 1971. Two children:

1.- Kathleen Pitts. (twin).

2.- Clydene Pitts. (twin).

4.- Ethel Doak m. Jim Stephenson, mechanic, Concordia Kansas (p. 73. *Doak Family History and Genealogy*)¹⁰

5.- Walter Doak, m. Mable Hogue. One child:

a.- Bernice Doak, m. Walter J. Crayton, Jr. Three children:

1.- Eugene Crayton.

2.- Tommy Crayton.

3.- Warren Crayton.

Notes: Chapter 12

¹ H. H. Hardesty, *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, Maps and Histories of Ritchie and Doddridge Co's., W.Va., 1883: Hardesty's West Virginia Counties Doddridge Marion Upshur Wetzel Vol. 2 , and Gilmer Ritchie Lincoln Wayne Vol. 7* (Reprints, Richwood, W.Va: Jim Comstock 1973), Vol. 2 p. 13.

² Minnie Kendall Lowther, *History of Ritchie County* (Wheeling, W. Va.:Wheeling News Litho. Co., 1911), p. 144.

³ B. E. Hanes, *Doak Family History and Genealogy* (Clarksburg W. Va.: The Exponent Job Shop, 1931), p. 71.

⁴ William Clark, *Clay District Ritchie Co. William Clark's Diary, 1874-1900* (unpublished; transcribed copies placed in the Doddridge Co. Library and the Ritchie Co. Library.)

⁵ Barr Wilson, *Clay District Ritchie Co. Johnson Family Records* (unpublished)

⁶ Barr Wilson, *The Descendants of John Wilson* (Parsons W.Va.: Printed by McClain Printing Co. Barr Wilson Toll Gate WV 26442, 1975)

⁷ Barr Wilson, *The Duckworth Family* (Unpublished, prior to 1980)

⁸ B. E. Hanes, *Doak Family History and Genealogy* (Clarksburg W. Va.: The Exponent Job Shop, 1931), p. 71.

⁹*Ibid.*, p. 72.

¹⁰*Ibid.*, p. 73.

Chapter XIII

Margaret Dotson

Margaret Dotson, b. 1801 in Maryland. These deeds in Harrison Co.: In the Harrison County Court House, Clarksburg, W.Va., a deed from Joseph Dotson and wife Nancy to Richard Dotson, (Jr.), Bk. 17 p. 307, dated 17 Nov 1824 for 65 acres on Simpson's Creek: and on July 8, 1825 in Deed Book 17 page 417, date of deed, 8 July 1825; 65 acres on Simpson's Creek deeded by Richard Dotson and Margarethis wife (Margaret White).....to Phillip Britton (husband of Richard Dotson, Sr.'s daughter, Margaret "Peg" Dotson). The naming of Margaret as the wife of Richard Dotson in the latter deed proves that this was Richard Dotson, Jr. and not Richard Dotson, Sr.

We do not have documented proof that Margaret was the daughter of Richard, Sr. However the foregoing family land transactions are a strong indication of this relationship; her birthplace of Maryland in the 1850 census is another; likewise her birthyear of ca. 1801 from the 1850 census fits the correct age group of the Richard Dotson, Sr. family for both the 1810 and 1820 censuses. See Chapter 4.

From the 1850 census of VA; Harrison County:

Britton, Philip (farmer)	born in Virginia	age 50 years.
Margaret	born in Maryland	49
Margaret E.	born in Virginia	25
Mary C.		15
Victoria A.		6
Brissey, John A.		16
Henry (negro)		7

Philip and Margaret Britton were not found in subsequent census indexes for Virginia or West Virginia.

No further information

Chapter XIV

Thomas Dotson

Thomas Dotson; born 1801-1802 in Hampshire County Virginia (or state of Maryland) was a son of Richard Dotson, Sr. and his second wife, Amelia "Millie" Miller. While no direct documentary evidence has been found of the father-son relationship of Richard Dotson, Sr. and Thomas Dotson, Sr., other indirect evidence has led the authors to this conclusion. Thomas' birthyear of 1801-1802 is compatible with the census of 1810 for Richard Dotson's family in Wood County, he (Thomas) being one of the three males under the age of ten. By process of elimination, it can be established that Richard Sr. was the only Dotson residing in the Doddridge (Wood) County area that could have been Thomas' father in this time period. The only other Dotson family then residing in that area was Richard's oldest son William Dotson, Sr., and all of his male children have been identified. The next oldest son of Richard, Emanuel Dotson, Sr. and Mary Redick, were not married until later, June 19, 1804.

Thomas married Ruth Gregg, b. 1805 or 1806, dau. of George Gregg and Naomi Villers (or dau. of Richard and Neuenda Grigs per her death register, see below). For information on Ruth's family please see *The Gregg Family*. Thomas and Ruth resided about three miles from Toll Gate, in what is known as, "Strosnider Hollow", a branch of Buck Run. As far as we know they were the original settlers in this "Hollow"; this land of 200 acres was originally acquired through three grants to Emanuel Dotson, Sr. 1818-1820, then sold by deed by Emanuel and his wife Mary to his half-brother Thomas in 1832; for a more detailed description of this land, and how it was acquired and divided, please refer to the book *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865)* ¹ by James M. Dotson 1988, pp. 51-54.

While Thomas Dotson and Ruth Gregg were raising their family of eight children (Chaps. XIV-1 through XIV-8), Thomas Dotson and his half-niece Eliza Dotson were raising a family of four children. We have not been able to positively identify Eliza Dotson, but she was most probably a daughter of Emanuel Dotson, Sr. and Mary "Aunt Polly" Redick (Chapter VII). Information favoring this conclusion includes; (1) In the 1820 census of Tyler county, the family of Emanuel Dotson included three females under 10, two of which have been identified; the third was probably Eliza b. ca. 1820. Again in the 1830 census of Harrison County, the family of Emanuel Dotson included a female age 10-15, otherwise not identified, who again was probably Eliza b. ca. 1820 and ten years older. (2) "Aunt Polly" with most of her children, settled in the Buck Run area after the death of Emanuel, Sr. which occurred sometime between 1833 and 1840. Eliza Dotson's first child Clarissa was born April 1837. It should be pointed out however that Eliza, who lived beyond 1880, was not included as an heir-at-law of Thomas Dotson, Jr. son of Emanuel Dotson, Sr. and Mary Redick; Thomas Jr. died Dec 26, 1873 (See Chapter VII-8 John S. Dotson).

Another possibility for Eliza's parentage, but less likely in the authors' opinion, is that Eliza's parents were Zachariah Dotson and Eliza Edleblute. As shown in Chapter 12, in the 1830 census of Harrison County, in the house-hold of Zachariah Dotson were two girls, 1 10-15 and 1 15-20; neither of these girls, born before 1820, have been identified. One could have been Eliza if one assumes that her birthyear was prior to 1820, and thus predated the marriage date of 8 May 1820 for Zachariah Dotson and Elizabeth Edleblute. Zachariah's family lived in the Arnold Creek area most of their lives; in the 1850-60s they lived in the vicinity of Central Station. We have seen no record of Zachariah ever having lived on Buck Run. Zachariah Dotson died July 23, 1863 age 63 yrs. In a deed of 1864 (see Chap. 12) were named "children and heirs at law of Zachariah Dotson deceased", *Eliza was not one of them*.

Eliza Dotson probably lived in the old log house, that still (1982) stands on Buck Run. This log house is across the bottom and creek from the road. This is just below where the late Grant Cline resided, and later, the late Berkeley Costilow. Eliza Dotson is enumerated in the 1880 census of Ritchie Co., so her death was after 1880. She is most probably buried in the Buck Run Cemetery, but there is no marker at her grave. The history of the children of this second family of Thomas and Eliza Dotson is given in Chapters XIV-9 through XIV-12.

In 1843, Henry F. Dotson, son of William Dotson, Sr., brought suit against his half-uncle Thomas Dotson, Sr. for alleged fornication with Eliza Dotson. This in the fledgling county of Ritchie, Order Book 1843-1850, June Term 1843..."Present Thomas Dotson late of said county for fornication with Eliza Dotson, a single woman." Evidence by Henry F. Dotson. Present Thomas Dotson, late of the county aforesaid, a married man, for adultery with Eliza Dotson on 1 June 1843.

The Commonwealth of Virginia Ritchie County to wit:

"The Jurors for the Commonwealth of Virginia and for the body of the County of Ritchie aforesaid upon their oath Present Thomas Dotson late of the said County for fornication with Eliza Dotson a single woman late of the said County and within the said County on the 1st day of June 1843.

This Presentment is founded upon the evidence of Henry F. Dotson late of said County sworn in open Court and sent to give evidence to the Grand Jury at the request of the Grand Jury Lewis Bond foreman.

On motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth and for reasons appearing to the Court Ordered that Thomas Dotson be summoned to appear at the next Court to shew Cause if any he can why an information should not be filed against him upon a presentment of the Grand Jury this day made against him."

Commonwealth of Virginia Ritchie County to wit:

"The Jurors for the Commonwealth of Virginia and for the Body of the County of Ritchie aforesaid upon their oath present Thomas Dotson late of the County aforesaid a married man for adultery with Eliza Dotson late of the said County and within the said County on the first day of June 1843; this presentment is founded up the evidence of Henry Dotson of said County Sworn in open Court at the request of the grandjury to give evidence to said grandjury Lewis Bond foreman. On motion of the Attorney for the Commonwealth and for reasons appearing to the Court ordered that Thomas Dotson be Summoned to appear here at the next Court to shew Cause if any he can why an information should not

be filed against him upon a presentment of the grand jury made this day against him.”

Case was continued repeatedly until in the June Term 1845:

Commonwealth vs Thomas Dotson upon an information for fornication:

“This day came the parties by their attorneys and defendant pled not guilty and attorney for the commonwealth replying, and thereupon came a jury, to wit: Jonas Wells and eleven others, all good and lawful men, who being elected, tried and sworn, the truth to speak upon the issue joined upon their oath do say “we the Jury find the defendant not guilty” therefore it is considered by the court that said defendant be discharged from said information and go thereof without day.”

Thomas J. Dotson, d. in 1847 and Ruth Gregg d. in 1879.

In the Buck Run Cemetery: “THOMAS. DOTSON...d. 28 Dec 1847, in the 45th year of his life. RUTH W., wife of Thomas Dotson...d. 17 April 1879, in the 73 year of her life.”

From the Ritchie Co. Death Register, p. 34; “Ruth Dotson d. April 18, 1879, Clay District, old age, 72; farmer; Parents; Richard and Neuenda Grigs; (did not give name of informant)”.

From the WPA Document “W. Va. Cemetery Readings- Ritchie Co. Cemetery Histories” ca. 1940 (LDS film 0250210) “Buck Run Cemetery; this section of Ritchie County was settled by the Gregg, Garner and Dotson families. They came to this section many years ago and entered land. Mr. Thomas Dotson gave this one half acre of land for a cemetery. It was at first supposed to be used for a family cemetery. However later the Dotson family allowed their neighbors and friends to be burried (sic) here too. Mr. Dotson, the man who gave the land was the first person burried in the cemetery.

This information was given me by; Mr. Daniel Dotson, Pennsboro, W. Va. Rt 2. and Mr. Charlie Dotson Pennsboro, W. Va. Rt. 2.”

No other information was given about the cemetery or who was buried in it.”

From Miss. Lowther’s *History of Ritchie County* (1911)²: “Thomas J. Dotson, another brother of Emanuel, was one of the early settlers on Buck Run. He and his wife, Ruth Griggs Dotson were the parents of five children; viz., Elza, the late Ellis, the late Marshall, Armstrong and Clara who m. George Elefritz.” Note that actually, Armstrong was a son of Benjamin Dotson and Melinda Dotson (Chapter VII-5), and Clara was a daughter of Thomas Dotson and Eliza Dotson (Chap. XIV-9).

From the 1840 census of VA; Wood County, p. 150:

Dotson Thomas: Males; 1 under 5, 1 30-40; females; 2 under 5, 1 5-10, 1 20-30.

Note; this family was enumerated adjacent to the family of Elzy Gregg, brother of Thomas’ wife Ruth; Elzy Gregg married Mary Dotson (Chap. VII-6), daughter of Emanuel Sr. and Mary “Aunt Polly” Redick.

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie County: (Dwl 538 Fam.538):

Dotson, Ruth	43	F	born in Virginia
Malvina	16	F	
Perry	14	M	
Lemmon	12	M	
Ellis	10	M	
Marshall	6	M	
Eliza (Elza)	3	M	

Note: families in the adjacent vicinity were Elza Gregg and Mary Dotson Gregg,

Eliza, Benjamin, Robert, Thomas, Jr., John S., and Joseph Dotson, all children of Emanuel, Sr. and Mary “Aunt Polly” Redick. (“Aunt Polly” age 65, was living with her son Joseph). Eliza occupied the adjacent house.

From the 1850 census of VA; Ritchie Co. (Dwl. 539, Fam. 539):

Dotson, Eliza	28	F	Va
Clarissa	12	F	Va
Cyrus	10	M	Va
Jason	6	M	Va
Lawson	2	M	Va

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie County (538-513):

Ruth Dodson	56	Va	Farmer
Leman	22	Va	Fm Hand
Ellis	21	Va	Fm Hand
Marshall	16	Va	Fm Hand
Elsa (m)(Elzy)	12	Va	has fits-no memory
Oliver M	14	Va	(g.son; son of Ruth’s dau. Martha and John S.)
Henderson M	11	Va	(g.son; son of Ruth’s dau. Malvina)
Mary E	11	Va	(g. dau.; dau. of Ruth’s dau. Martha and John S.)
Nancy Thomas	40	Va	House hand

Note: families in the adjacent vicinity were Elza Gregg and Mary Dotson, Eliza, Robert, Thomas, Jr., Benjamin, Joseph and John S. Dodson, all children of Emanuel Sr. and Mary “Aunt Polly” Dotson; “Aunt Polly” died in 1855. Perry Dotson, son of Ruth also lived in this vicinity of Buck Run. Eliza occupied the adjacent house #537.

1860 census VA; Ritchie Co. (537-512):

Cyrus Dodson	20	Va	Farmer
<i>Eliza</i>	39	Va	
Jason	17	Va	Fm Hand
Lawson	12	Va	

1870 census of VA; Ritchie County (279-269):

Marshall Dotson	25	Va	Farmer
Mary E	20	Va	Hskpr
Ezra B	1		WV
<i>Ruth</i>	63	OH	Ret Hskpr
Elzy	23	Va	Farmer

1870 census of VA; Ritchie Co. (280-270):

Jason Dotson	27	Va	Farmer
Victory	19	Va	Hskpr
Lawson	22	Va	Farmer
<i>Eliza</i>	50	Va	Ret Hskpr

1880 census of VA; Ritchie County 151 006:

Dotson, Eliza (w)	WF	59		Housekeeping	WV	WV	WV
Jason (m)	WM	36	Son	Farmer	WV	WV	WV
Victoria (m)	WF	26	Dil	At home	WV	OH	OH
Larson (Lawson)	WM	32	Son	Farmer	WV	WV	WV
Eliza C (Elizabeth)	WF	9	G/Dau		WV	WV	WV

Creed C	WM	7	G/Son	WV WV WV
Mary A	WF	5	G/Dau	WV WV WV
Mortimor I (D)	WM	4	G/Son	WV WV WV
Cyrus H	WM	1	G/Son	WV WV WV

Thomas Dotson, Sr. Estate Sale

As was the law at the time, the estate of any male deceased intestate, was divided one third to his widow and two thirds to his children. This division included an appraisement of the estate property, and sale. The appraisement bill of Thos. Dotson's estate and sale follow; Emanuel Dotson (son of William Dotson, Sr. and nephew of Thomas Dotson, Sr.) was appointed administrator of the Thomas Dotson estate.

The appraisement bill of the property of T. Dotson, dec'd (Ritchie County):

1 horse	\$17.00	13 geese	2.16
2 Mares	60.00	1 hoe & maddock	1.12
2 colts	45.00	3 hoes	1.32
14 calves	28.00	1 maddock	.50
13 hogs	17.50	2 hoes	.50
70 head sheep	87.50	1 ax	1.37
5 steers	50.00	2 scythes	2.00
1 bull	8.50	2 axes	0.872
red cows	18.50	1 scythe & wedge	0.50
1 heifer	7.00	1 pot	1.00
2 cows	16.00	1 drawing knife	.50
2 cows	16.00	1 set gears & bridle	3.75
2 heifers	15.00	1 saddle	3.50
1 cow	8.00	1 pack saddle & irons	.75
2 hay stacks	10.00	1 lot dresser ware	1.75
3 hay stacks	15.00	1 clock	5.00
2 hay stacks	12.00	1 lot pot metal	3.75
1 loom & wheel	7.81	4 chairs & table	3.00
1 lot of corn	7.00	1 bed stead & bedding	6.00
3 plows	5.50	1 wheel & chest	3.00
1 kettle	0.50	2 bedsteads	4.50
1 gun	6.00	1 windmill	8.00
1 bed	3.50	1 pr. double trees	1.25

Simon Samuel

John Garner

Enoch Marsh Appraisers.

Manuel Dotson administrator.

Sale bill of Thomas Dotson, dec'd., estate...February 3, 1848.

The reader should note, that nearly everyone who bought items at the following sale was either a Dotson or had married a Dotson. Also that in this male dominated society, it was necessary for the widow to bid on her own house-hold items.

John Dotson	1 shovel plough	1.00
Lorenzo Dotson	1 old scythe	.30
James Penell	1 new scythe	1.50
Henry F. Dotson	1 pot tramell	.65
Henry F. Dotson	1 drawing knife	.63
Hiram S. Dotson	1 ax	.40
Jacob Judy	1 hoe	.23
Thomas S. Jones	1 hoe	.27
Henry F. Dotson	1 hoe	.18 2/4
Robert Dotson	1 kettle	.64
Henry F. Dotson	1 gun	10.50
Widow bid	1 pot	.25
Thomas S. Jones	1 wedge	.27
Widow bid	1 side saddle	1.00
Widow bid	1 lot of corn	4.00
Thomas Lawson	1 coffee mill	.25
Widow bid	1 coffee mill	.25
William B. Dotson	1 lot sheep, 1st choice	12.50
William Brown	2nd	13.00
William B. Dotson	3rd	12.13
John R. Bogard	4th	11.06 1/2
Wellington Duckworth	last	8.78
William Collins	1 ewe	1.00
John R. Bogard	1 ewe	1.00
Hiram S. Dotson	7 calves 1st choice	22.90
Thomas D. Scott	2nd	15.06 1/2
Thomas S. Jones	1 sorrel pony	20.00
Widow bid	10 shoats 1st choice	10.00
Squire Dotson	1 spotted sow	5.00
Jonathan Childers	1 white sow	2.65
Henry F. Dotson	7 shoats last choice	5.00
John R. Bogard	1 bay colt	31.00
John Dotson	1 bay colt	30.00
Benjamin Dotson	1 red cow	13.25
Hiram S. Dotson	5 steers	57.12 1/2
Lloyd Ruley	1 red cow	12.37
Daniel Doeherty	1 star faced cow	13.00
John Brown	1 piede cow	8.70

John Williams	1 white backed cow	12.87 1/2
John Dotson	1 red side white backed cow	11.58
William Doak	1 red heifer	11.33
Anderson Johnson	1 hay stack	10.10
Samuel Archibald	1 hay stack	10.02
Widow bid	2 cows	6.00
Solomon Dotson	13 geese	1.65
Henry F. Dotson	1 bell	.37 1/2
Widow bid	1 wheel	.50

In a deed dated 10 July 1858, Ritchie Deed Book 5, p. 413, special commissioner Cyrus Hall, on orders of the court, transferred 100 acres from the heirs at law of Thomas Dotson, deceased, to Joseph Dotson. "Whereas in a chancery suit then pending in the circuit court of Ritchie County and state of Virginia wherein the said Joseph Dotson was complainant and Perry Dotson and other heirs at law of Thomas Dotson deceased were Defendants, it was on the 18th day of September 1855 ordered_____ decreed that Cyrus Hall who was appointed a commissioner for the purpose execute acknowledge and deliver to record on behalf of the heirs of the said Thomas Dotson, a deed.....for a certain tract or parcel of land situated on Wolf Pen Run a branch of the North? fork of Hughes River in the county of Ritchie..."

Joseph Dotson was the son of Emanuel Dotson, Sr. and Mary "Aunt Polly" Redick Dotson (Chapter VII); "Aunt Polly" was living with Joseph in the 1850 census. She died in 1855.

The basis for the chancery suit has not been determined. A search of the Ritchie Chancery Orders, in the office of the Circuit Clerk in Harrisville, showed an entry for order of this suit on p. 257, Sept 15, 1855; a search of the suit files for 1855 however was negative.

Thomas Dotson and Ruth Gregg were the parents of eight children;

- 1.- Martha Dotson, b. ca. 1831 Chapter XIV-1
- 2.- Malvina Dotson, b. 1834 XIV-2
- 3.- Perry Dotson, b. 1835 XIV-3
- 4.- Lemmon Dotson, b. 1837 XIV-4
- 5.- Ellis Dotson, b. 1840 XIV-5
- 6.- Mary E. Dotson, b. 1840 XIV-6
- 7.- Marshall Dotson, b. 1844 XIV-7
- 8.- Elza Dotson, b. 1847 XIV-8

Thomas Dotson and Eliza Dotson were the parents of four children;

- 9.- Clarissa Dotson, b. ca. 1837 XIV-9
- 10.- Cyrus Dotson, b. ca. 1840 XIV-10
- 11.- Jason Dotson, b. ca. 1844 XIV-11
- 12.- Lawson Dotson, b. ca. 1848 XIV-12

Clarissa Dotson married James Proudfoot Ellifrits; Cyrus Dotson married Susanna Doll; Jason Dotson married Viola Victoria Hull; and Lawson Dotson married Delila Ann Dotson.

CHAPTER XIV-1 MARTHA DOTSON

Martha Elizabeth Dotson: b. ca. 1831, d. 1851.. dau. of Thomas and Ruth.

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "MARTHA, WIFE OF JOHN DOTSON, died 14 April 1851, in 23rd year."

Martha was the daughter of Thomas Dotson, Sr. (son of Richard, Sr.) and Ruth Gregg. Proof of this relationship is found in Ritchie Co. Deed Bk. Vol. 11, p. 436 1866; this was a court ordered deed awarding 100 acres on the NFHR to Isaac Leedom from the estate of Thomas Dotson, deceased. The deed referenced a decree rendered on the 20th day of September 1886 by the Circuit Court of Ritchie County. This order was found on p. 252 in the book "Chancery Orders 1864-70" in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Harrisville. "Perry Dotson and Henderson Dotson infant children and heirs at law of Melvina Dotson decd. daughter of said Thos Dotson decd, John S Dotson who married Martha Dotson now decd daughter of said Thos Dotson decd and Mary E Dotson and O M Dotson infant children and heirs at law of said Martha Dotson Lemmon Dotson, Ellis Dotson, Marshall Dotson and Elza Dotson heirs at law of said Thos Dotson decd, a deed with covenants of general warranty according to a surety of Alexander Lowther, Jr." A search of the case files for 1886 was negative for this case however.

One error in the above should be noted; Perry Dotson, as shown by other documents, was a son of Thos. and Ruth Gregg Dotson, not Melvina Dotson.

Martha married her first cousin John S. Dotson, son of Emanuel, Sr. and Mary "Aunt Polly" Redick. Martha and John S. were parents of two children:

- 1.- Oliver M.
- 2.- Mary E.

These children were raised by their grand-mother Ruth after the death of Martha in 1851. For this family see Chapter VII-8 John S. Dotson.

CHAPTER XIV-2. MALVINA DOTSON.

Malvina Dotson, b. 1834. dau. of Thomas and Ruth. Shown age 16, in the 1850 census in the household of her mother Ruth.

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "MALVINA, daughter of T. & R. Dotson...died 8 May 1851...age 17 years." Mother of one son:

- 1.- Henderson Dotson. b. ca. 1849.

From marriage record in Tyler County: "10 June 1869...Henderson Dotson, 20...and Emily J. Waters, 17 by W. Strickling." He is a son of __ Dotson and Malvina Dotson. She is a daughter of Rev. John Waters and Elizabeth Cox Waters.

Ritchie County...Deed Book No. 3...1849-1853. page 437, "Ruth Dotson appointed guardian of Henderson Dotson, infant heir of Malvina Dotson, deceased, 3 May 1853." This document was signed by Ruth Dotson and Elza Gregg. (Ruth's brother).

Henderson was first shown in the census of 1860, age 11, in the household of his grandmother Ruth.

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (265-256):

Henderson Dotson	20	Va	Farmer
Emily	19	Va	Hskpr

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 151 006:

Dotson	Henderson	WM	29	Farmer	WV WV WV
Emily J		WF	28	Wife Housekeeping	WV WV WV
Martyn G		WM	9	Son	WV WV WV
Samantha		WF	7	Dau	WV WV WV
Emza B		WF	3	Dau	WV WV WV

From Ritchie Births 1852-1872: "Martin G. Dotson b. Clay Dist. Sept 30 1870, parents Henderson and Emily J. Dotson; informant Henderson Dotson"

From Ritchie Deaths, page 43; "Dotson, Emily Jane d. Nov 13, 1883, Buck Run, consumption, 30 years, b. Ritchie Co., housework, no parents given; husband Henderson Dotson, informant Henderson Dotson"

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "24 Sept 1884...Henderson Dotson...widow...age 35...b. Ritchie...m. Emiline Pool...age 25...b. Tyler."

From the 1900 census of WV; Tyler McElroy Dist. Vol 34 89 6: Dwl 98 Fam 98

Dotson Henderson	Head	WM	Sep 1849	40 M 15 M	WV — WV
Emmeline	Wife	WF	April 1859	41 M 15 6 5	WV OH OH
Bessie M	D	WF	July 1875	14 s	WVWVWV
Jennie L	D	WF	Sept 1889	10 s	NE WVWV
Nora B	D	WF	June 1891	8 s	WVWVWV
Nellie J	D	WF	June 1893	6 s	WVWVWV
Donia E	D	WF	Aug 1895	4 s	WVWVWV

CHAPTER XIV-3

PERRY DOTSON.

Perry Dotson, 1835-1897. son of Thomas and Ruth

In the house-hold of his mother Ruth in the 1850 census of Ritchie County, age 14.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "24 June 1860...Perry Dotson, 25...single...b. Rit. Co...carpenter...res. Rit. Co... Parents, Thomas and Ruth; and Jane Nash, 18...single...b. Monmouth Co., England...res. Rit. Co...Parents, John and Elizabeth by John Cornwell."

Jane came from Wales when about 7 years old, about 1850. She was b. ca 1842. They were about six weeks on the sea, when a storm came up and they were blown back to shore."

From the 1860 census of VA; Ritchie Co. (547-520):

Perry Dodson	24	Va	Farmer
Jane	20	Va	

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie Co. (283-273):

Perry Dotson	33	Va	Farmer
Jane	28	EngHskpr	
George W	8	Va	
Clarrissa	7	Va	
Lydia A	6	WV	

John T	4	WV
Charlotte I	2	WV
Rutha C	4/12	WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 151 006:

Dotson Perry	WM	44	Farmer	WV WV OH
Jane	WF	37	Wife Housekeeping	EN EN EN
Clarissa	WF	17	Dau At home	WV WV EN
Lidia A	WF	16	Dau At home	WV WV EN
Charlotte E	WF	13	Dau At home	WV WV EN
Lucy C (Catherine)	WF	10	Dau At home	WV WV EN
Suzan A	WF	7	Dau	WV WV EN
Ernest A	WM	5	Son	WV WV EN
Emily J	WF	4	Dau	WV WV EN
Lycuryus	WM	1	Son	WV WV EN

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0031 0072:

Datson George	H W	48	WV WV
Harriet	W	46	WV
Floyd	S	21	WV
<i>Jane</i>	M	67	England
Earnest	N	08	WV

Perry and Jane were Parents of eleven children:

1.- George Washington Dotson, b. 3 June 1861; d. 11 Feb 1945.

He m. Harriett Virginia Oldaker, 20 Oct 1880. Harriett, b. 22 Sept 1863; d. 31 March 1948. Both buried, Leetonia, Ohio.

In the household of his father Perry Dotson in the 1870 census, age 8.

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County, 148 032:

Griggs Mary (w)	WF	64	Farming	WV WV WV
Martha	WF	27	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Perry	WM	23	Son Farming	WV WV WV
<i>Dotson, George W.</i>	WM	19	Nephew Farm work	WV WV WV

Note: George W. Dotson was a nephew of Mary Gregg's husband Elza; Elza Gregg was a brother of Ruth Gregg Dotson, mother of Perry Dotson; Perry was father of Geo. W. above.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Dodd McClellan Dist 5 24 14 88:

Dotson George W	W	June 1861	38	WV
Harriet V	W	Sept 1863	36	WV
Simon S	S	April 1882	18	WV
Floyd J	S	Sept 1888	11	WV

See above for 1910 census.

Two children:

a.- Simon Sylvester Dotson, b. 6 April 1882 in Ritchie Co. He m. Harriet Levine Louk, 24 Dec 1904. Harriet, b. 1889; d. 25 Oct 1963. Eight children:

1.- Hazel Aretta Dotson, b. 7 June 1906; d. 18 Aug 1906.

2.- Elsie Allora Dotson, b. 10 May 1907.

From Index and Register of Births-Doddridge Co. Vol . 4, p. 40: "May 10, 1907 Dotson, Elsie Allera, F, parents Harriet Luvenia Louk Dotson, Simon Silvester Dotson.

Elsie Allora Dotson m. Howard Davis, 19 May 1927. Two children:

(1) Betty Marie Dotson, b. 28 Feb 1930; m. William Edward Kalbfell, 20 June 1948. They have; Marie Annette Kalbfell, b. 13 May 1949, m. Frank Kuzma and have one child, Nicole Yvonne Kuzma, b. 21 June 1972; David William Kalbfell, b. 11 Sept 1950, killed by a car, 12 Aug 1962; Daughter, b. and d. 4 June 1951; Jack Edward Kalbfell, b. 24 Aug 1952; Edwin Thomas Kalbfell, b. 2 June 1954; Frank Jay Kalbfell, b. 20 Sept 1956, killed 12 Sept 1962, killed with David; Joseph Lee Kalbfell, b. 10 June 1958; Ralph Andrew Kalbfell, b. 22 Feb 1960; Tina Louise Kalbfell, b. 30 March 1967; and Jessica Ellen Kalbfell, b. 31 May 1970.

(2) Clarence Edward Dotson, b. 22 Dec 1931; m. Selma Rose Riddle, 7 Sept 1952. They have; Marsha Lynn Dotson, b. 19 Jan 1958; and Joanne Lucille Dotson, b. 7 Jan 1961.

3.- Iva Jane Dotson, b. 6 April 1909; m. Fredrick William Koby, 21 May 1936.

Two children:

(1) Loretta Joyce Koby, b. 7 Oct 1939; m. (1) Robert Lawson, 1 April 1958. After several years they divorced.

(1) Loretta Joyce Koby, m (2) Howard Keeton. They have; Penni Marie Keeton, b. 3 March 1970; and Timothy Howard Keeton, b. 2 April 1971.

(2) Betty Jane Koby, b. 5 Dec 1942; m. John Wallen, 7 May 1960. They have; Cynthia Kay Wallen, b. 7 July 1962.

4.- Lila Belle Dotson (twin), b. 3 Dec 1911; m. Cecil Thomas Barnard, 5 Jan 1933. Four children:

(1) Cecil Thomas Barnard, Jr., b. 1933; m. Doris Johnson. They have; Kathy Sue Barnard, b. 25 Oct 1955; Charlene Ann Barnard, b. 3 Jan 1957; Cindy Sue Barnard, b. 31 March 1958; Jeffrey Allen Barnard, b. 11 Dec 1960; and Timothy Allen Barnard, b. 3 Dec 1965.

(2) Wanda Jean Barnard, b. 26 Nov 1935; m. (1) Henry __ in 1952. Divorced.

(2) Wanda Jean Barnard, m (2) Noel Cretts. They have; Stacy Ann Crotts, b. 28 June 1964; and Karen Renee Crotts, b. 6 Sept 1965.

(3) Dwight Carl Barnard, b. 7 Nov 1937; m. Florence Flory. They have; Ruth Ann Barnard, b. 12 Aug 1960; Peggy Sue Barnard, b. 7 Nov 1961; Laurie Ann Barnard, b. 24 May 1963; Charlotte Lee Barnard, b. 11 Jan 1965; and Charlene Lee Barnard, b. 11 Jan 1965 (twins).

(4) Charles Leroy Barnard, b. 2 March 1947; m. Barbara Petty, Oct 1966. They have; Melissa Sue Barnard, b. 1 Sept 1970.

5.- Clarence Ralph Dotson (twin), b. 3 Dec 1911; d. 25 Jan 1923.

6.- George Ellis Dotson, b. 30 Dec 1914; m. (1) Evelyn Apple. Divorced. Two children:

(1) James Allen Dotson, b. 9 Oct 1938; m. __ __. They have; Kimberley Sue Dotson and Rebecca Jane Dotson.

(2) Richard Wayne Dotson, m. __ __. One child.

6.- George Ellis Dotson, m. (2) Grace Nealey. He d. 31 July 1968.

7.- Dorothy Virginia Dotson, b. 7 March 1917; m. Ralph Emerson Bartholow. Three children:

(1) Donald Ray Bartholow, b. 19 Jan 1934; m. Sylvia Joanne Maple, 8 Sept 1952. They have; Cathy Ann Bartholow, b. 27 Feb 1956; Allen Kit Bartholow, b. 23 May 1958; Kelly Sue Bartholow; Christy Lee Bartholow; and Cindy Lou Bartholow.

(2) Twila May Bartholow, b. 26 July 1936; m. Edwin John Weisenberger; children, Rella Weisenberger; and Edwin John Weisenberger, Jr.

(3) Arley Dean Bartholow, b. 21 Dec 1941; m. Darlene Kitchen. They have; Danny Bartholow and Sean Bartholow.

8.- Ersa Evelyn Dotson, b. 11 May 1919; m. (1) William Nutter.

8.- Ersa Evelyn Dotson, m. (2) James Rouse. She d. 24 Aug 1953. Five children:

(1) Leroy Rouse, b. 19 Aug 1941.

(2) Ronald Ray Rouse, b. 13 Aug 1942. They have; Jeffrey Rouse; Heike Lynn Rouse; and Mark Rouse.

(3) Thelma Jane Rouse, b. 23 Feb 1944; m. John Jarvis. They have; Steven Wade Jarvis, b. 1963; Richard Wayne Jarvis; and Debra Jean Jarvis.

(4) Charles Edward Rouse, b. 1946. Single.

(5) Robert Lee Rouse. At home.

8.- Ersa Evelyn Dotson, m (3) Harry Grimes. Three children:

(6) Jeffrey Alfred Grimes.

(7) David Lee Grimes.

(8) Infant. Died shortly after birth.

b.- Floyd Jefferson Dotson, b. 25 Sept 1888; d. 2 March 1963. He m. Emma Jane Swiger. She d. 28 Feb 1963. See 1900 and 1910 census above. Two children:

1.- George Fredrick Dotson, b. 28 March 1914. He m. Mary Baird. Three children:

(1) Doris May Dotson. Had four children.

(2) John Fredrick Dotson.

(3) Barbara Jean Dotson. Died, age 7 months.

2.- Viola May Dotson, b. 5 Feb 1921; m. Woodrow Wilson Dennis, 1 March 1941. One child:

(1) Barbara Ann Dennis, b. 13 Nov 1944; m. Leo Richard Marple, 14 May 1966. They have; Leo Richard Marple, Jr., b. 4 Nov 1967; and Gregory Allen Marple, b. 4 April 1970.

2.- Clarisa Dotson, b. Jan 9, 1862

From Ritchie Co. Births 1852-1872, p. 33; "Clarissa Dotson b. Jan 9, 1862. parents Perry and Jane Dotson." married Elmore Leggett. This marriage in Ritchie County: "16 Nov 1882 ...Elmore Leggett...age 19...b. Doddridge...m. Clarisa Dotson...age 19...b. Ritchie." Two children:

a.- Edgar Leggett, m. Mary Bush. Three children:

1.- William Leggett.

2.- Omar Leggett.

3.- Annie Leggett.

b.- Sarah Leggett, m. William Richards.

3. Lydia A Dotson, b. ca. 1864.

In her father Perry's household in 1870 census, age 6, and in 1880, age 16. From Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 55; "Lydice A Dotson d. Feb 17, 1887, Clay Dist. consumption age 23 yrs. parents P and J. Dotson; no name given for rept."

4.- (John) Thomas Dotson, b. ca. 1866

In his father Perry's household in 1870 census, age 4; died young of Black Tongue (Typhoid). From Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 34. "John T. Dotson d. Oct 19, 1879, Clay Dist, fever, 13 yr. 10 mo. Parents Perry and Jane Dotson, b. Clay Dist., farmer, unMarried; informant Perry Dotson, father"

5.- Charlotte E Dotson, b. ca. 1867; died young.

In her father Perry's household in 1870 census, age 2, and in 1880 age 13. From Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 43: "Charlotte Elizabeth Dotson d. June 6, 1883, Middle Fork, typhoid fever, 16 yrs. 4 days.; parents Perry and Jane Dotson; born North Fork, housework, unmarried, Perry Dotson, father rept."

6.- Catherine Dotson, b. 16 June 1870.

From Ritchie Co. Births, 1852-1872. "Rutha C. Dotson b. Clay Dist. June 16, 1870 Parents Perry and Jane Dotson; informant Perry Dotson." Catherine d. 1934; In her father Perry's household in 1870 census, Rutha C. age 4/12, and in 1880 Lucy C, age 10; m. (1) Floyd Good. Killed by train. One child:

a.- Pearl Good, m. ___ Paderine.

6.- Catherine Dotson, m. (2) John Snider. Two children:

b.- Elba Snider, m. Inez Swagger. One child:

1.- Jean Snider.

c.- Raymond Snider. Died young.

7.- Suzan A (Agnes) Dotson, b. 9 Nov 1872.

This birth in Ritchie Co. "Susan A Dotson Nov 9, 1872 Parents Perry and Jane Dotson; informant Perry Dotson father" In her father Perry's household in 1880 census, age 7.

This marriage in Ritchie Co. "24 May 1888...J. W. Gross....age 22...b. Ritchie...m. Susan A. Dotson...age 15...b. Ritchie."

8.- (Ernest) Atherton Dotson, b. ca. 1875.

In his father Perry's household in 1880 census, Ernest A age 5. m. ___. Two children:

a.- Ernest Dotson.

b.- Ada Dotson, m. ___ Van Horn.

9.- Emily Jane Dotson, b. 29 Oct 1875; d. 31 March 1937.

In her father Perry's household in 1880 census, age 4. She m. Eli Snider. Five children:

a.- Bert Snider.

b.- Elsie Snider, m. ___ McDonland.

c.- Iva Snider.

d.- Ida Snider, m. ___ Bartholow.

e.- Emily Jane Dotson's oldest child was Ora Dotson, son of Ora Doak. Ora Doak was a son of Alexander Doak and Charlotte Shinn. Charlotte was a dau. of George Washington Shinn and Mary Wilson. For Ora Doak, see page 70, *Doak Family*,³ and page 358 *Descendants of John Wilson*.⁴

10.- Lycurgues Absolum Dotson, b. 8 March 1879;

In his father Perry's household in 1880 census, age 1; m. (1) Mary Snider, 14 Feb 1901

10.- Lycurgues Absolum Dotson, m (2) Emma Yoder, 21 Dec 1928. Two children:

a.- Homer Glenda Dotson, b. 23 Dec 1930.

b.- Clyde Dotson (adopted).

11.- Perry Dotson, Jr., b. 1881; m. Maud _____. Three children:

a.- Mildred Dotson, b. 6 April 1908; d. 1965.

b.- Harvey Dotson, b. 10 Aug 1910. He m. Blanche Pupp. Five children:

1.- Harvey Leonard Dotson, Jr.

2.- Elizabeth Dotson.

3.- Mildred Dotson.

4.- Florence Dotson.

5.- Janet Dotson.

c.- Robert Leland Dotson, b. 14 Dec 1913; d. 14 Sept 1970. Never married.

CHAPTER XIV-4.

LEMMON DOTSON.

Lemmon Dotson, b. 16 Nov 1837; d. 8 Feb 1901. son of Thomas and Ruth

He m. (1) Dorcas Ferreebee. marriage record in Ritchie County: "6 Sept 1860...Lemuel Dotson, 22...farmer...single...b. Wood Co...res. Rit. Co... Parents, Thomas & Ruth; and E. Ferreebee, 22...single...b. Huntington Co., Pa...res.Rit. Co...Parents, Joseph & Elizabeth Ferreebee by John Conwell."

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie Co. (167-157):

Lamon Dotson	32	Va	Farmer
Dorcus	32	Pa	Hskpr
E J (m)	9	Va	
Frances E	7	Va	
David	5	WV	
Rebecca A	3	WV	
Ruth E	3	WV	
Wade	9/12	WV	
Catharine J Grigg*	19	Va	Dom Svt

*A first cousin of Lemmon; dau. of Elza and Mary Dotson Gregg. Chap. VII-6.

Dorcas died May 4, 1871. From the Death Register Ritchie County, p. 23: "Dotson, Dorcas E. d. May 4, 1871 Clay Twp. consumption 34; parents J & E. Feffeby; born 1831, was married; a housekeeper; Lemon Dotson, husband, rept."

In the Buck Run cemetery: "Dorcas E. Dotson, born 20 Oct 1847-died 4 May 1871."

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co. 119 005:

Dotson Lemmore	WM	42		Farmer	VA VA VA
Rachel (Wife 2)	WF	37	Wife	Keeping house	VA VA VA
Edmon J	WM	19	Son	farm laborer	VA VA PA
Frances E	WF	17	Dau		VA VA PA
David A	WM	15	Son	at home	WV VA PA
Rebecca A	WF	12	Dau	at home	WV VA PA
Ruth E	WF	12	Dau	at home	WV VA PA
Wade	WM	10	Son	at home	WV VA PA
Isaac	WF?	7	Son	————	WV VA VA
Samuel	WM	5	Son		WV VA VA
Ida	WF	4	Dau		WV VA VA
Ellis	WM	2	Son		WV VA VA
Riley	WM	3/12	Son	(Feb 1880)	WV VA VA

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 007 0031 0146

Dotson Samuel	H W	35	WV WV
Rachel	M	67	WV

Lemon and Dorcas were parents of six children:

1.- (Edmon) Jefferson Dotson, m. Frances Langfitt. Two children, deceased.

2.- Frances E Dotson, b. ca. 1863

This marriage in Doddridge Co.; “23 June 1881...John McIntyre...age 21...m. Francis Dotson...age 18.”

Note: her sister “Fannie” also married a John McIntyre (See 4.- below)

3.- David A. Dotson, b. ca. 1865; d. 1945;

m. (1) Bell Costilow. She d. 1896. Three children:

a.- Bruce Dotson, m.(1) Nettie Ferreebee. One child:

1.- Gary Dotson.

a.- Bruce Dotson, m (2) Opal Cain Hamilton.

b.- Claude Dotson; died young. Poliomyelitis.

c.- Esta Dotson, m. Roy George. Four children:

1.- Madelyn George, m. Dave Hawkins.

2.- Jack George.

3.- Betty Lee George, m. Loren Cutter.

4.- Annabelle George, m. Bill Wolfe.

3.- David A. Dotson, m (2) Lizzie Glover.

4.- Rebecca A. “Fannie” Dotson, b. ca. 1867

m. (1) John E. McIntyre. Two children:

a.- Sylvia McIntyre.

b.- Algon McIntyre. Wonda McIntyre who m. Kenneth Orr and lives about 2 miles below Shirley, W.Va. is either a daughter or granddaughter. See page 18, *The Duckworth Family*.⁵ Wonda has one daughter, still living in 1990. Kenneth is retired from Hope Natural Gas Co.

4.- Rebecca A. "Fannie" Dotson, m. (2) Loyce Gaines.

5.- Ruth E. Dotson, b. ca. 1867 m. Harvey Ash. Two children:

- a.- Ray Ash.
- b.- Noah Ash.

6.- Wade Dotson, b. 1870; d. 1953; m. (1) Eva Powell. Three children:

- a.- Dessa Dotson, m. Marshall Richardson.
- b.- Craig Dotson, m. Hannah Marie Reed.
- c.- Mildred Dotson, m. Clyde W. Satterfield.

6.- Wade Dotson, m (2) Lynna Leota Cain. Seven children:

- d.- Mary Jane Dotson, m. Fred Doak.
- e.- Sanford Wade Dotson, m. Edna Ashenhart. Two children:
 - 1.- Wade Dotson.
 - 2.- Tonya Dotson.

f.- Jefferson E. Dotson, m. Biddie Yeater. Three children:

- 1.- Edith Leota Dotson.
- 2.- Charles Edwin Dotson.
- 3.- Shirley Rae Dotson.

g.- David E. Dotson, b. 4 Aug 1907; d. 7 Jan 1974. He m. Irene Lemasters. Three children:

- 1.- Hannah Jane Dotson.
- 2.- Lemon Jackson Dotson.
- 3.- LeMoyne David Dotson.
- h.- Mamie Dotson. Died in infancy.
- i.- Ruth Dotson, m. ___ Smith.
- j.- Frances Dotson, m. ___ Hayes.

Lemmon Dotson, son of Thomas and Ruth, m. (2) Rachel Underwood.

marriage record, Doddridge Co.: "16 June 1873...Leman Dotson, 34...widowed...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Thomas & Ruth & Rachel Underwood, 30...single...b. Harrison Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Isaac Underwood by F. T. Ashburn." Eight children:

7.- Isaac Dotson b. March 4, 1873

From Index and Register of Births-Doddridge Co. Vol 1, p. 60; "March 4 1873, Dotson Isaac, M, parents Rachel and Lemmon Dotson"

8.- Samuel Dotson b. Nov 4, 1874, d. 1948.

From Index and Register of Births- Doddridge Co. Vol 1, p. 66: "Nov 14 1874, Dotson Samiel, M, Parents Rachel and Lemon Dotson"

He m. Allie Dye. Note: see 1910 census soundex above

9.- Ida Dotson, b. March 22, 1876.

From Index and Register of Births-Doddridge Co. Vol 1, p. 77: "March 22 1876, Dotson Ida, F, parents Rachel and Lemon Dotson"; m. John Lisit.

10.- Ellis Dotson, b. May 5, 1878, d. May 25, 1881.

From Index and Register of Births Doddridge Co. Vol. 1, p. 94. "Dotson ____, M, parents Rachel and Lemon Dotson"

From the Index and Register of Deaths-Doddridge Co., Vol. 3, p. 23: "Dotson, Elias, male; d. May 25, 1881; parents Rachel and Lemuel Dotson."

11.- Riley Dotson, b. Feb 1880, d. July 1, 1880.

From the Index and Register of Deaths-Doddridge Co. Vol 3, p. 23: "Dotson, Riley, male, d. July 1, 1880; parents Rachel and Simon (Lemon) Dotson."

12.- Ora Dotson, b. May 11, 1882.

From Index and Register of Births Doddridge Co. Vol. 1, p. 120: "May 11 1882, Dotson Ora, F(sic), parents Racheal and Lemon Dotson"; m(1) Iota Haught. Three children:

a.- Harry Dotson, m. Aretta Straight. She d. 1952.

b.- Gladys Dotson.

c.- John Dotson. Died age 11 months.

12.- Ora Dotson, m. (2) Nellie Young. She d. 1959, age 59. Four children:

d.- Mabel Dotson.

e.- Irene Dotson.

f.- James Dotson.

g.- Harold Dotson

13.- Layman Dotson, b. April 2 1884, d. Sept 1, 1886.

From Index and Register of Births- Doddridge Co. Vol 1, p. 131: "April 2 1884 Dotson Laymond, M, parents Rachel and Lemon Dotson"

From the Index and Register of Deaths-Doddridge Co. Vol 3, p. 45: "Dotson, Layman, male; d. Sept 1, 1886; parents Rachel and Lemon Dotson.

14.- Ivy Dotson, m. William Powell.

Note; not in 1880 census, assume she was born after 1880; not in Doddridge birth register index.

CHAPTER XIV-5**ELLIS DOTSON.**

Ellis Dotson, b. 1840; d. 1905. son of Thomas and Ruth. In the 1860 census in the household of his mother Ruth, Ellis age 21.

He m. Sarah Jane Doll. marriage record in Tyler County: "12 Sept 1861...Ellis Dotson, 21...son of Thomas & Ruth Dotson; & Sarah J. Doll, 18...daughter of Dan and Dorcas Doll by Davld Seckman."

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie County (278-268):

Ellis Dotson	30	Va	Farmer
Sarah E	26	Va	Hskpr
John M	8	Va	
Susan S	5	WV	
Martha A	3	WV	
Elias D	1/12	WV	

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie County 151 006:

Dotson Ellis	WM	45	Farmer	WV OH OH
Sarah E	WF	35	Wife Housekeeping	WV WV WV
John M	WM	17	Son Farmer	WV WV WV
Susan S	WF	15	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Martha A	WF	12	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Alias D	WM	10	Son At home	WV WV WV
Lemon	WM	7	Son	WV WV WV
Thomas A(ustin)	WM	4	Son	WV WV WV
Rosalee	WF	6/12	Dau(Oct 1879)	WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Clay Dist 30 86 5 88:

Dotson Ellis	W	Feb 1840	60	WV
Sarah E	W	Oct 1844	55	VA
Thomas A(ustin)	S	June 1875	24	WV
Rosa L	D	Oct 1879	20	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 036 0068 0248

Dotson Austin	H W	34	WVA WVA
Ella B	W	26	WVA
Russell E	S	05	WVA
Morris R	S	03	WVA
Oral P	S	NR	WVA
<i>Sarah E</i>	M	65	WVA
Lennon (Lemon)	B	36	WVA

1 non-relative

In the 1920 census Sarah was again enumerated in Austin's household, age 75 (see below under Austin).

In the Buck Run Cemetery: ELLIS DOTSON, born 15 February 1840...died 6 October 1905. From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 100; 31: "Dotson Sarah E. J., female, white, widow, d. Pennsboro, March 25 1926, age 81y 5m 14d, Hswf, b. WV, parents Daniel Doll, b. WV, Dorcas Ferrebe, b. Va, brt. dis., Odie Jones Regist."

Ellis and Sarah were parents of seven children:

1.- John Marshall Dotson. b. Aug 5, 1862; This birth in Ritchie Co. p. 33: "Dotson John M b. Aug 5, 1862 parents Elis and Sarah Dotson".

In his father Ellis' household in the 1870 census age 8 and in 1880 age 17; Not in either 1900 or 1910 census of WV; John M. deceased by 1948 (sister Rose's obit); no other information.

2.- Susan Sophronia “Trudie” Dotson, b. ca. 1865; married Benjamin Mason. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “3 Dec 1882...John B. Mason...age 22...b. Doddridge...resident Ritchie...m. Susan B. Dotson...age 18...b. Ritchie.” Five children:

a.- Effie Mason, m. Bert Longstreth. One child:

1.- Virginia Longstreth, m. Joseph Tishioneri. Two children:

(1) Joseph Tishioneri.

(2) Thomas Tishioneri.

b.- Ollie Mason, m. Delbert Doak. See, page 42 *Doak Family*.⁶ One child:

1.- Pauline Doak, m. Gale Hammett. Two children:

(1) Benjamin “Ben” Hammett, m. Beth Fleming. They have; John William Hammett; and Walter Hammett.

(2) Fenton Gale Hammett, m. Emma Carroll. They have; Gale Hammett, III; Susan Dianne Hammett; and Ann Elizabeth Hammett.

c.- Sadie Mason, d. age 18

d.- Ora Mason, d. age 4.

e.- One still born child.

3.- Martha Ann “Annie” Dotson, m. Lee Jones, 5 June 1887.

For a very interesting newspaper account of their 61st wedding anniversary June 5, 1948, at their home on Gnats Run, not far from Pennsboro, please see page 13, *The Gregg Family*.⁷ Six children:

a.- Norvel A. Jones.

b.- Ellis M. Jones.

c.- Thomas Austin Jones.

d.- Sophronia Jones, m. Ebon Duty.

e.- Hettie Mae Jones, m. ___ Harter.

f.- Rosie Jones, m. ___ Smith.

4.- Daniel Dotson, b. March 1870.

In his father Ellis’ household in the 1880 census “Alias D. age 10.

Daniel m(1) Laura A. Doak, b Nov 1877. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “15 Nov 1896...Elias D. Dotson...age 26...b. Ritchie...m. Laura A. Doak...age 20...b. Ritchie.” For her family see, page 35, “Doak Family.”⁸

In the Buck Run Cemetery: “E. Daniel Dotson 1870-1961 Laura A Dotson 1877-1946”

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Clay Dist 30 86 5 40

Dotson Eliah D W March 1870 30 WV

Laura A W Nov 1877 22 WV

Daniel and Laura raised three foster children:

a.- Harley Dotson.

b.- Helen Isner, m. Hobart Dotson. For Hobart Dotson see Chapter VII-5 (Benjamin Dotson, Jacob, Hayden).

c.- John Isner, m. Ruby Harris. Four children:

1.- Ray Glen Isner.

2.- Paul Isner.

3.- Patty Isner.

4.- Billy Joe Isner.

4.- Daniel Dotson m. (2) Bertha Thomas Dotson (wid. of Littleton Dotson Chap. VII-5).

5.- Lemon Dotson, b. Oct 1872, d. March 25, 1964.

Lemon m. (1) Tryphena Dotson, dau. of Jacob, g. dau. of Benjamin Dotson. For Tryphena's family, see Chapter VII-5 Benjamin Dotson. They were m. 21 Jan 1897. This marriage in Ritchie Co.; "21 Jan 1897...Lemon Dotson...age 24...b. Ritchie...m. Tryphenna Dotson...age 23...b. Ritchie." This was Lemon's first marriage.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist 30 86 7 28

Dotson Lemon	W	Oct 1872	27	WV
Triphena	W	July 1873	26	WV
Lucy E	D	Jan 1897	3	WV
Emmet E	S	Nov 1899	6/12	WV

In the 1910 census, Lemon, 36, shown in the household of his brother Austin Dotson and their mother Sarah E. age 65; see above.

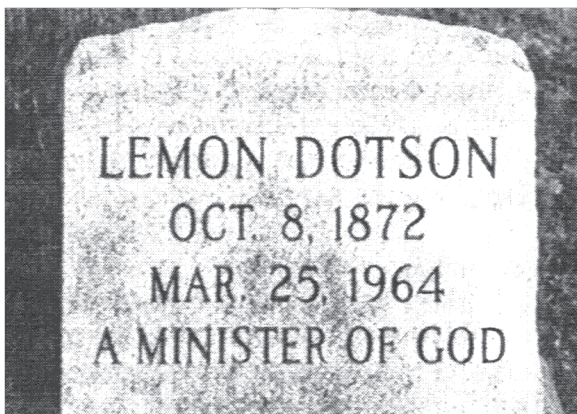
From Ritchie Co. Deaths 1919-1970, p. 112-24: "Dotson Lemon, d. Ritchie March 25, 1964; male white, widow; minister; b. Buck Run WV, parents Ellis Dotson, Sarah□Jane Doll, coronary occlusion, rept. Nelle Cannon".

In the Buck Run Cemetery:

LEMON DOTSON, born
8 Oct 1872...died 25 March
1964.

TRYPHENA, wife of
Lemon Dotson, b. 27 July
1873...d. 14 April 1903

**Headstone of Lemon Dotson
in the Buck Run Cemetery,
Ritchie County, WV**



Lemon and Tryphena were parents of three children:

1.- Lucy Dotson, b. 19 Feb 1898...died 11 June 1920.

Lucy, age 12, shown in the 1910 census in the household of her maternal grandparents Jacob and Hannah Dotson (Chap. VII-5).

2.- Emmett Dotson, b. 22 Nov 1900...d. 20 Jan 1901.

3.- Nellus Dotson, b. 3 Oct 1902; d. 20 Feb 1965. Nellie, age 6, shown in the 1910 census in the household of her maternal grandparents, Jacob and Hannah Dotson (Chap. VII-5). Nellus m. 24 March 1923, Paul Williamson. See page 77, *The Doak Family History and Genealogy*⁹.

Three children:

(1) Brannon Williamson, b. 15 Jan 1925; d. 1976. On 26 Nov 1952 he m. Mildred Parr. She b. 29 Aug 1931. No children.

(2) Wilma Fern Williamson, b. 16 July 1926; m. 20 Aug 1947, Clifton Boston. He b. 14 June 1925. They have; Brenda May Boston, b. 29 Dec 1948; Linda Sue Boston, b. 14 June 1950; and Charles Ray Boston, b. 22 Dec 1952.

(3) Clifton Paul Williamson, b. 11 March 1933; m. 14 Feb 1953, Betty Snider. She b. 27 Feb 1932. They have; Clinton Paul Williamson, b. 21 Feb 1955 and John Steven Williamson, b. 16 Sept 1957.

5.- Lemon Dotson, m. (2) Minnie Dotson, dau. of Irvin Dotson (Chap. IX-10 Elisha Dotson)

This marriage in Wood County 25 Dec 1912; 'Dotson Lemon 39 Ritchie and Dotson Minnie J 30 Ritchie'.

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 48 118 9 92

Dotson Lemon	W	45	WV
Minnie J	W	37	WV
Clarence F	S	6	WV
Carl I	S	4 4/12	WV
Sarah V	D	2 8/12	WV

Parents of five children:

a.- Clarence Dotson, b. Nov 11, 1913. m. Dorothy Woodward.

This birth in Ritchie County: "Nov 11, 1913, Dotson Clarence Floyd, W, M, b. Petroleum; parents Lemon Dotson Minnie Dotson, E H Douglass, phys."

b.- Carl Irvin Dotson, b. Aug 11, 1915.

This birth in Ritchie County: "Aug 11, 1915, Dotson, Irvin, W, M. b. Petroleum RFD; parents Dotson Lemon; Dotson Minnie, E H Douglass, phys."

Carl Dotson, m. Vivian McClead. They reside on the Lemon Dotson home place, Rusk Community, Ritchie County. Three daughters; Carletta Jean, Rosalee Isabelle, and Beverley Jane. For a family history write-up of the Carl Irvin Dotson family, please see p. 110 of *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980*; ¹⁰by their daughters Carletta Jean Dotson Cayton and Beverley Jane Dotson Ross.

c.- Dallas Dotson, m. Nina Coleman.

d.- Sarah Virginia Dotson, b. April 17, 1917; This birth in Ritchie County: "April 17, 1917, Dotson, Sarah Virginia, W, F, Petroleum #1, parents Lemon Dotson, Minnie Jane Dotson"



**Lemon Dotson (right)
and the author
James M. Dotson
ca. 1940**

Sarah m. James Miller. They have two children:

1.- James K. Miller, m. Carol Harvey. Three children:

(1) Wanda K. Miller.

(2) Kenneth James Miller.

(3) Tracy Michelle Miller.

2.- Emily Miller, m. Mr. Bodie.

e.- Doris Evelyn Dotson, m. Mancil Smith.

5.- Lemon Dotson m. (3) _____

6.- Austin Dotson, b. June 1875

Austin in his father Ellis' household in the 1900 census, Thomas A Dotson, age 24; in the 1910 census as head of household (see above under ELLIS DOTSON); Austin m. Ella Belle Cline.

From the 1920 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 48 115 2 25

Dotson T A	W	44	WV
Ella B	W	35	WV
Russell E	S	15	WV
Morris R	S	12	WV
Leman H	S	7	WV
Harold G	S	4 6/12	WV
Effie E	D	8/12	WV
Sarah E	M	75	VA

Austin and Ella were parents of nine children (two died young):

a.- W. W. Dotson, b. May 2, 1902, d Dec 20, 1902

From Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 96: "Dotson W. W. d. Dec 20 1902, Buck Run, fever 7m. 18d.; b. May 22, 1902; parents Austin and Ella Dotson; rept by Ella Dotson, mother."

b.- Russell E. Dotson, b. ca. 1905; m. Lucy Elliott. See page 328, *Descendants of John Wilson*. Two children:

1.- Jackie Dotson.

2.- Dale Dotson.

c.- Raymer Morris Dotson, b. Jan 25, 1907; This delayed birth in Ritchie Co. "Raymer Morris Dotson b. Jan 25, 1907 Pennsboro, R. 2, M, father Thomas Austin Dotson b. Ritchie Co. W.Va. farmer and school teacher, White; age 31 at time child was born; mother Ella Belle Cline b. Ritchie Co, housewife, White, age 22 at time child was born; 3 children born to this mother including this one; 2 died before this child was born; filed 6-19-42 by Thos. Austin Dotson, father" Raymer Dotson m. Mildred Travis. Raymer living 1991 Venice, FL. One child:

1.- Laura Belle Dotson.

d.- Oral P. Dotson; in 1910 census, no age given (assumed to have been other child who died young)

e.- Leaman Hatfield "Doc" Dotson, b. March 31, 1912

From Ritchie Co. Delayed Births: "Leamon Hatfield Dotson b. March 31, 1912 Pennsboro, R. 2, M, father Thomas Austin Dotson..., age at time child was born 36; mother Ella Belle Cline...age at time child was born 28; children born to this mother up to and

including this child 5; children deceased 2; filed 7-31-42 by father.”

Leamon Dotson m. Edith Williamson Freeman. Five children:

- 1.- Donnie Dotson.
- 2.- Sue Dotson.
- 3.- Patty Dotson.
- 4.- Judy Dotson.
- 5.- Linda Dotson.

Leamon living 1991 Parkersburg, WV.

g.- Harold Glenn Dotson, b. July 25, 1915;

From Ritchie Co. Delayed Births: “Harold Glenn Dotson b. July 25, 1915 Pennsboro, R. 2, M, father Thomas Austin Dotson, ...age at time child was born 40; mother Ella Belle Cline,...age at time child was born 31; children born to this mother up to and including this child 6; children deceased before this child born 2, filed by Thomas Austin Dotson, father.”

Harold Dotson m. (1) Ruby McCullough. Divorced.

g.- Harold Dotson, m. (2) ____; Harold living 1991 Williamstown, WV.

h.- Effie E. Dotson, m. Wilbert Farley. Two children:

- 1.- Lyle Farley.
- 2.- Janet Farley, m. Duane Jackson. (son of John Jackson and Louise Loveall).

Effie living 1991 Pennsboro, WV.

i.- Olive B. Dotson, b. ca. 1925; d. April 5, 1991; m. (1) Ray Newberry. For this family, see Chapter VII-5 (Benjamin Dotson) (Jacob, Ada Dotson).

i.- Olive B. Dotson, m (2) Vernon James

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* April 11, 1991. “Olive B. James, 66, of 907 17th St., Vienna, WV, died Friday, April 5, 1991, in Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital, Parkersburg, WV.

Mrs. James was born in Buck Run Community, near Pennsboro, WV, a daughter of the late Austin and Ella Cline Dotson. She had been a clerk at the former Wilson’s Drug Store, Pennsboro, and a member of the 36th Street Church of Christ, Vienna.

Surviving are her husband, Vernon James; three sons, Fred Newberry of Vienna, David Newberry of Washington, D.C., and Mark Newberry of San Diego, CA; a daughter, Dianna Todd of West Union, WV; three stepsons, Edwin and Henry James, both of Morristown, TN, and Richard James of Nashville, TN; a sister Effie Farley of Pennsboro; three brothers, Raymer Dotson of Venice, FL, Harold Dotson of Williamstown, WV, and Leamon Dotson of Parkersburg; and eight grandchildren. Preceding her in death were four brothers.

Services were held at McCullough-Rogers Funeral Home, Pennsboro, with Evangelist Tom Butterfield officiating. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery, Ellenboro, WV. ”

7.- Rosa Dotson, b. 19 Oct 1879; d. 11 Oct 1973.

On 19 April 1903, she m. George Garner. This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “18 April 1903...George H. Garner...age 27...b. Ritchie...m. Rosa L Dotson...age 23...b. Ritchie.”

For George Garner’s family, see page 45, *The Duckworth Family*.

Obituary of Rosa Garner: “Pennsboro-Mrs Rosa Lee Dotson Garner, 94, of Route No. 1, Greenwood, died there yesterday, 10 October 1973, at the residence of a son. She was born October 19, 1870, at Buck Run, W. Va., a daughter of the late Ellis and Sarah Jane Doll

Dotson. Mrs. Garner was a member of the Mt. Tabor Church of Christ. Her husband, George H. Garner, died in 1937. Four brothers and two sisters also preceded her in death. Survivors include three sons, Delbert Garner of Glenville, Audry Garner of Greenwood and Dorris Garner of Pennsboro; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services will be held Sunday at one p. m. at the McCullough Funeral Home here. Burial will be in the Buck Run Cemetery.”

Parents of three children:

a.- Delbert Garner, b. 8 June 1904, m. Dessie Lowther. Delbert died before 1983. For information on Dessie Lowther, see p. 19, *The Gregg Family*. Three children:

1.- Jannetta Garner, m. Gerald Snider. One child:

(1) Debra Kay Snider.

2.- Larry Garner, m. _____. One child:

(1) Allan Garner.

3.- Carolyn Garner, m. Darrell Whitt. Three children:

(1) Daren Whitt.

(2) Scottie Whitt.

(3) Lisa Whitt.

b.- Dorris F. Garner, b. 10 Dec 1908; m. Olive Nichols, 9 May 1931. She b. 17 Feb 1910. Two children:

1.- Denton Garner, b. 17 June 1934; m. Sharon Allmaker. Three children:

(1) Mark Garner.

(2) Rita Jo Garner.

(3) Tina Rose Garner.

2.- Kyle Garner, b. 12 Sept 1938; m. Nancy Dent. Two children:

(1) Kayo Garner.

(2) Carey Garner.

c.- Audrey Garner, b. 12 Dec 1911; m. Olive Ferreebee, 17 May 1941. She b. 13 Jan 1914. Two children:

1.- Lionel Garner, b. 29 April 1943; m. Judy Shinn, 27 March 1964. Two children:

(1) Gregory Garner, b. 29 Jan 1967.

(2) Jeffrey Garner, b. Feb 1965.

2.- Michael Garner, b. 19 Sept 1947. Single 1976.

CHAPTER XIV-6.

MARY E. DOTSON.

In the Buck Run Cemetery:

MARY E., daughter of T. & R. Dotson...died 15 Sept 1848...age 8 years.

CHAPTER XIV-7.

MARSHALL DOTSON.

Marshall Dotson, b. 1844; son of Thomas and Ruth; m. Mary Elizabeth Dotson.

marriage record in Doddridge County: “2 May 1867...Marshall Dotson, 23...single...b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, __ Thomas & Ruth; & Mary E. Dotson, 17...single...b. Rit.

Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Robert and Catherine by C. A. Larkin.”

They were second cousins. In the Buck Run Cemetery: “MARSHALL DOTSON...1844-1888. MARY E. DOTSON...1849-1934.”

For the family of Marshall and Mary, see Chapter VII-9, (Robert Dotson) (Mary Elizabeth Dotson).

CHAPTER XIV-8 ELZA DOTSON.

Elza Dotson, b. ca. 1847; son of Thomas and Ruth; shown in the 1850 census of Ritchie County: “(Eliza) three years of age.”

Avery Dotson remembers an ELZA DOTSON. He was mentally sick or retarded.

In the 1860 census, in the household of his mother Ruth; “Elsa (m), age 12, b. Va., has fits-no memory”.

In the 1870 census, in the household of his mother Ruth; “Elzy, 23, Va, Farmer.

In the 1880 census, in the household of his brother Marshall: “Elza (s), WM, 35, Brother, WV WV WV.”

Elza died sometime before 1894; From the General Index to Deeds, etc., Ritchie County, W Va: Vol 4, p. 133, 1894; *by decree*; “Elza Dotson Estate to *C. W., G. A., E. P(R), E. J., H. H. and Flora M. Dotson, and Alice Gay Doll; six acres Ritchie County,” and “Elza Dotson Estate to Ellis, Oliver, Perry, Henderson Dotson and M. E. Ferreebee, twenty-three acres Buck Run.”

*Heirs of Marshall Dotson (brother of Elza) and Mary Elizabeth Dotson, i.e. Charles Wesley, George Albert, Elias Robert, Ernest Jefferson, Harvey H., Flora May, and Alice Gay Dotson (Doll).

CHAPTER XIV-9 CLARISSA DOTSON.

Clarissa Dotson was b. April 1837 on Buck Run, Ritchie Co., dau. of Elizabeth and Thomas Dotson, d. 11 March 1916 and is buried in the Buck Run Cemetery (unmarked), Ritchie Co WV. She is enumerated in the 1850 household census of her mother, Eliza: “Clarissa, age 12, female, b. VA”

This m. in Ritchie Co.: “12 Dec 1858...James P. Ellifrit of Dodd. Co., age 22, b. Harrison Co., son of George and Elizabeth Ellifrit; married Clarissa Dotson, age 21, b. Wood Co., res. Ritchie, dau. of Thomas and Eliza Dotson by John Conwell.”

James Proudfoot Ellifrits was b. 9 July 1836 in Harrison Co (now Doddridge Co.), W Va a son of George Ellifrits and Elizabeth Poland. On August 8, 1862 he enlisted (at Independence Township, Washington Co, OH) in company F of the 92nd Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry for service as a Union soldier in the Civil War. He was mustered in as private at Camp Marietta OH on 7 Sept 1862.

He remained on the muster rolls of that Company from 7 Sept 1862 to 25 April 1863, at which time he began detached service as a nurse in the post hospital at Carthage TN. He returned to Company F in September of 1863 and was killed in the Battle of Missionary Ridge near Chattanooga TN on 25 Nov 1863.

He and Clarissa lived at Greenwood, WV and Washington Co. OH. Clarissa made her home following the death of her husband near her mother Eliza, and her brother and their families on what is known as Mud Lick between Deep Valley WV and Buck Run WV. Later, her son and his family lived nearby. She was an invalid during the last several years of her life.

Parents of two children:

1.- Elizabeth Eliza Ann Ellifrits, b. 20 Dec 1859, d. young. (She is named in the 1860 WV Census for Tyler Co; named, again in 'Clarissa's Widow Pension Claim for Half-pension' executed in June 1864; but is not named in 'Widow's Claim for Increase of Pension' executed in Sept 1866.)

2.- James Franklin Ellifrits, b. 5 July 1862, Washington Co., OH, d. 8 April 1916, Tyler Co WV, buried in the Buck Run Cemetery (unmarked), Ritchie Co, WV. He was a farmer and a minister.

On 2 Jan 1885 J. F. Elifritz m. (1) Frances M. Birch dau. of Peter L. and Matilda A Birch. Parents of one child:

a. Bernard Gail (B. G.) Elifritz b 22 Nov 1887, lived with his widowed grandmother, Clarissa Dotson Elifritz, on the family farm in a small house built by his father near the main farm house.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Tyler Centerville Dist 34 8116 1:

Elifritz Clarissa	W	April 1837	63	WV
Bernard G	GS	Nov 1887	12	WV

One of B. G.'s hobbies was beekeeping; but he was best known as a talented and proficient photographer. He took many, many photographs throughout the Tyler-Ritchie-Doddridge county area; and it is believed that a number of the photos appearing in *A Photographic History of Ritchie Co. WV* published in 1989 by the Ritchie County Historical Society are the work of B. G.

His subjects ranged from the local frenzied oil and gas operations of the early 1900s, railroading activities, farming activities, and panoramic scenes of the area to those of more formal pose. He carried, for miles on foot, his wooden tripod and heavy camera equipment to take his pictures, then developed his negatives in a closet-sized darkroom, and washed the positives in a creek which ran beside the small house. (It is said that his half-brother, Chester, at the time of his death in Florida in 1982, had some of B. G.'s glass negatives.)

Following the deaths of his grandmother and father in 1916, B. G. worked for a time as a photographer in Clarksburg, WV; later, he moved to Toledo, OH, and the last contact with him was at Detroit, MI in the late 1920s.

The 1910 WV Census for Tyler Co shows;

Elifritz, Bernard	H	22	WV
Clorisee	GM	72	WV
Dotson, Lawson	U	62	WV

On 29 Aug 1895 Jas. F. Elifritz, widower, m. (2) Mary Seders. This marriage in Ritchie County on 29 Aug 1895, by J. C. Jones; to Mary Frances Seders, b. 25 Sept 1868 at Pennsboro (Ritchie Co.), WV. She was a dau. of John Thomas Seders and Lydia Elizabeth Jones; Mary Frances d. 4 Nov 1968 at Wilbur (Tyler Co.) WV.

James F. and Mary Elifritz were the parents of eight children, five boys and three girls:

- b.- Bricie Elifritz, b. 1 Jun 1896, Stanley WV (Tyler Co.)
- c.- Howard Elifritz, b. 15 Nov 1897, Deep Valley WV (Tyler Co.)
- d.- Freddie Wade Elifritz, b. 19 Oct 1899, Deep Valley WV (Tyler Co.)
- e.- Boyd Buckhannon Elifritz, b. 19 Nov 1901, Central Station WV (Tyler Co.)
- f.- Hugh Jackson Elifritz, b. 16 May 1903, Stanley WV (Tyler Co.)
- g.- Chester Allen Elifritz, b. 1 June 1905, Stanley WV (Tyler Co.)
- h.- Bessie Alice Elifritz, b. 8 June 1907, Central Station WV (Tyler Co.)
- i.- Verna Opal Elifritz, b. 26 April 1909, Central Station WV (Tyler Co.)

(Please note the changes in the PO names; all eight children were born in the same family home.

The spelling of the name is varied. Civil War muster rolls for Co F 92nd Reg OH Vol Inf spell the name 'Ellifrits'; in subsequent records, e.g., pension application, the names often spelled "Elefritz", with other variations like 'Elifrits', 'Elefritz', and 'Ellefritz'. The Greenwood WV part of the family spelled it 'Ellifritt'. Unfortunately Clarissa was not able to write her name, but made an X with someone else writing her name. However, James Franklin, her son, signed his name 'Elifritz').

On 14 February 1920, a widowed Mary Frances Elifritz married Andrew Johnson Ferree, widower (son of Edward Ferree and Hester Garner).

- b.- Bricie Elifritz, m. (1) A. Paul Britton, son of Frank Britton. Children:

- 1.- Kathleen
- 2.- Edward Paul
- 3.- Naomi Ruth
- 4.- Verna Pauline
- 5.- Loren

Before her marriage, Bricie taught briefly in the West Virginia school system. They lived in Ritchie Co. WV, Oklahoma, and Wichita, KS.

- b.- Bricie Elifritz, m. (2) a Dixon. They lived in Wichita, KS.

c.- Howard Elifritz, m. (1) Goldie Williams; had one son, Dwain. Howard was a teacher in the WV School system and became an ordained minister. They lived in South Bend, IN.

- c.- Howard m. (2) Lena Knight Digman. They lived Salem, (Harrison Co) WV.

- d.- Freddie Wade Elifritz, m. (1) Mary Bonnie Nutter Moneypenny. Children:

- 1.- Carl Jackson
- 2.- Joseph Franklin
- 3.- Thomas Wade
- 4.- Mary Ann
- 5.- William Allen

Stepchildren:

- Irene Moneypenny
- Lucille Moneypenny
- Ethel Moneypenny

- d.- Freddie Wade m. (2) Vera Bigley. They lived in Williamstown WV.

e.- Boyd Buckhannon (Ted) Elifritz, m. Mildred Ashworth dau. of William Harvey and Effie Belle Hodges Ashworth. Children:

- 1.- Genevieve Arvella
- 2.- Donald
- 3.- John
- 4.- Raymond
- 5.- James
- 6.- Juanita Colleen
- 7.- Robert
- 8.- Cynthia
- 9.- William
- 10.- Loretta
- 11.- Ivan Dale

They lived in Leesville and Sherrodsville, OH.

f.- Hugh Jackson Elifritz, m. Helen J. Myers. Children:

- 1.- Benton Arlette
- 2.- Charlotte

They lived in Canton, OH.

g.- Chester Allen Elifritz, m. Carol Hagan. Children:

- 1.- Audrey
- 2.- C. James
- 3.- Ruth

They lived in Wisconsin and Florida.

h.- Bessie Alice Elifritz, m. (1) Bernard L. Curren, son of Harry Curren and Stella Gertrude Cunningham. Children:

- 1.- Margaret Lucille
- 2.- Wilma Jeanne
- 3.- Mary Martha
- 4.- Donna Mae
- 5.- Bernard Nelson

They lived in Tyler Co. WV and Canton OH areas.

h.- Bessie Alice m. (2) Eldon N. McKelley son of James C. McKelley and Martha Elizabeth Meguiar. They lived in Canton, OH. Bessie Alice McKelley d. May 7, 1992 at Canton, OH.

i.- Verna Opal Elifritz, m. John W. Ash, son of Eli and Olive Ash. Children:

- 1.- James Eli
- 2.- Joanne
- 3.- Bessie Ilene

They live in the Wilbur and Alma, WV areas.

(Some of the family information on Clarissa Dotson and James Proudfoot Elefritz has been graciously furnished by Hobart Ellifritt, 427 Stealey Avenue, Clarksburg WV 26301.

Additional information about Clarissa and James P. Elifritz and specific information about James Franklin's family was submitted by a great granddaughter of Clarissa, Margaret Curren Buoncristiani, 3906 Zermatt Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125.)

CHAPTER XIV-10
CYRUS DOTSON.

Cyrus Dotson, son of Thomas Dotson and Elizabeth born on Buck Run in 1839. This marriage in Tyler Co.: "15 July 1860. Cyrus Dotson 21 (son of Thomas and Elizabeth Dotson) and Susanna Doll 19 (daughter of Dan and Dorcas Doll) by Francis Guthrio."

They resided their entire lives on Buck Run. They lived in an old log house (which is still standing 1982) just below where the late Berkeley Costilow resided. This log house stands, across the creek and bottom from the road, in the mouth of a small hollow.

In their old age, they were known as "Uncle Si" and "Aunt Susan." They had a small farm and worked hard all their lives, raising produce and fruit and selling eggs and butter. They brought their produce to the store at Toll Gate, every Saturday. They always stopped at our house (Barr Wilson) and visited with my father and mother. They were a very interesting old couple.

From Ritchie Co. Deaths (1919-1970): p. 102 "Dotson Susan Doll, female, white, married, d. Oct 22 1929, Greenwood rfd, age 88y 9m 18d; parents Daniel Doll Dorcas Ferrebe; rept O. Jones Reg." and "Dotson Cyrus, male, white widow; d. April 8, 1931 Pennsboro age 91y 10m 3d, laborer b. Ritchie, parents Thos. Dotson Eliza Dotson; arteriosclerosis ureamia.; rept. Odie Jones Regist."

They are both buried in the Buck Run Cemetery: CYRUS DOTSON...1839-1931. SUSAN B. DOTSON... 1841-1929.

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie Co. (276-266):

Cyrus Dotson	30	Va	Farmer
Susanna E	29	Va	Hskpr
Thomas D	9	Va	
Sarha D	6	WV	
Eliza V C	2	WV	

From the 1880 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 151 007:

Dotson, Cyrus	WM	39	Farmer	WV WV WV
Susanna	WF	39	Wife Housekeeping	WV WV WV
Sarah	WF	17	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Eliza	WF	12	Dau At home	WV WV WV
Joseph	WF	6	Son	WV WV WV

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Clay Dist 30 86 7 10

Dotson, Cyrus	W	June 1838	61	WV
Susna E	W	Jan 1839	61	WV
Edmund H	GS	Nov 1889	10	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0068 0038

Dotson Theadosa H	W	32	WV WV
Estie E	D	11	WV
Dolia	D	09	WV
Mona	D	05	WV
Cyrus	FL	69	WV
Susan	ML	68	WV

They were the parents of four children: Thomas, Sarah, Elizabeth and Joseph.

1.- Thomas Dotson, m. Victoria Jones. She was b. March 15, 1859, dau. of Mansfield Haymond Jones (b. ca. 1832) and Catherine J. Jones (b. ca. 1837, dau. of Jesse and Mary Jones). Mansfield Haymond Jones was a son of James R. Jones and Elizabeth Collins. James R. Jones was the son of James Jones (Rev. War Soldier) and Sarah Ravenscraft.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "14 Sept 1879...Thomas D. Dotson...age 18...b. Ritchie...son of Cyrus and Susan...m. Victoria A. Jones...age 20...b. Ritchie...dau. of M. H. and Catherine."

They resided in the Buck Run, Toll Gate area. In 1912 they were living at Toll Gate. Their house burned down that fall and they then removed to Worthington Creek in Wood Co. They d. on Worthington Creek and are buried somewhere on Worthington Creek.

From the 1880 census of WV' Ritchie Co. 151 007:

Dotson Thomas (m)	WM	18	Farmer	WV WV VA
Victoria (m)	WF	20	Wife Housekeeping	WV WV WV

Not in the 1900 or 1910 census soundex of West Virginia.

From the 1920 census soundex of WV: Wood 53 182 6 56 Hess Ave:

Dotson Thomas D	W	58	WV
Victoria A	W	62	WV

They were parents of five children (children not in order of birth):

a- Rupert Dotson, m. Alice Ingram. Parents of four children:

- 1.- Forest Dotson.
- 2.- Paul Dotson.
- 3.- Carl Dotson.
- 4.- Russell Dotson.

b.- Cyrus Dotson, m. Chloe Brown. One known child:

- 1.- Thelma Dotson.

c.- Gomer Tubal Dotson, m. Delphia Rogers. Parents of seven children:

- 1.- Oran Dotson, m. Elsie Smith, Jan 1932. They had;
 - (1) Jo Ann Dotson who m. _____ Allen and had Mike and Luana
 - (2) Barbara Dotson who m. _____ Berry and had Mark, Brian and Carol.
- 2.- Opal Dotson, m. _____ Allman.
- 3.- Lucretia Dotson, m. _____ Flinn.
- 4.- Alsie Dotson, m. _____ Creel.
- 5.- Lillian Dotson, m. _____ Barker.
- 6.- Audrey Dotson, m. _____ Watts.
- 7.- Henrietta Dotson, m. _____ Wagner.

d.- Thomas Dotson, Jr. m. Adella Ingram. They resided in the Buck Run, Toll Gate area. He worked in the oil and gas fields. He was a tool dresser. They were living near No. 9 Tunnel when their house burned down. Thomas was burned very badly and died a few days later. She died in 1962.

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "THOMAS J. DOTSON JUNIOR...1892-1951 ADDIE DOTSON...1893-1962."

Parents of eight children:

1.- Eunice Dotson, m. Edward Barker. They had 12 children:

- (1) Paul Barker, m. Geraldine Prentiss and have Daniel Barker
- (2) Pearl Barker, m. Berman Peters and have, Michael Peters and Harold

Peters

(3) Thomas "Tommy" Barker, m. Donna Green and have, James Barker, Mary Barker and Teresa Barker

(4) Douglass Barker, d. young

(5) Dana Barker, m. Brenda Walker and have, Melissa Barker

(6) Patricia Barker, m. (1) Arnold Perkins and have Robert "Bobby" Perkins and Bonnie Perkins, m. (2) Reginald Smith and have, Carmen Smith and Carlos Smith

(7) Kay Barker, m. Edward Morrow, 2nd husband after first m. was annulled after 3 weeks to Ray Reeves

(8) Donald Barker, m. Rosalind Klein and have, Michele Rene Barker and Stephen Barker

(9) Ronald Barker, m. Connie Whitson and have, Cassie Barker and Dana

Barker (10) Timothy Joseph Barker, m. Kathryn Neuhelm

(11) Gail Barker, deceased

(12) Bonnie Barker.

2.- Sylvia Dotson, m. Jim Eddy. They have seven children:

(1) Delores Eddy, m. Richard Farrell and have Richard Lee Farrell

(2) Wayne Eddy, m. Linda Sellers and have ____

(3) Wade Eddy, m. Debbie Richards and have, Michael Eddy and Shannon Lynette Eddy

(4) Daniel (?) Eddy, m. Debby Oiler

(5) James Eddy, m. Judy Burbridge

(6) Michael Eddy

(7) Gary Eddy, m. Wilma Bowen.

3.- Ralph Dotson, m. (1) Mamie____ and had

(1) Robert Dotson

3.- Ralph Dotson, m. (2) Orpha Hall and had

(2) Louella Dotson

(3) Roger Dotson

(4) Janet Dotson

(5) Judy Dotson

3.- Ralph Dotson, m. (3) Mary Flowers.

Ralph d. in 1981 and was buried at Shinnston, W.Va.

4.- Bonnie Dotson, m. (1) Sanford Fraley.

Bonnie Dotson m. (2) Ray Matthews. No children.

5.- Kenneth "Bud" Dotson, m. Florence____ and had

(1) Linda Dotson

(2) Danny Dotson

(3) Gary Dotson

(4) Michael Dotson

(5) Curtie Dotson

(6)____Dotson.

6.- Jewell Dotson, m. Lawrence Dillon and had

- (1) Larry Dillon
- (2) Judy Dillon
- (3) Duane Dillon

7.- Betty Dotson, m. Curtie Jones and had

- (1) Lewis Jones who m. (1) Pam Ireland and had, Jason Jones, Jessica Jones. Lewis Jones, m. (2) Cindy Byers
- (2) Stephen Jones, m. Marion Snodgrass and had, Stephanie Jones
- (3) Denise Jones, m. Michael Toothman and had, Katie Joy Toothman
- (4) Adele Jones.

8.- Delbert Dotson, deceased.

e.- Edward Dotson, m. Roxie McCullough. They resided on Long Run of Arnold Creek. He worked for the Gas Company. Both are dead, 1981. Parents of four children:

1.- Nancy Dotson, m. Gerald Williamson and had

- (1) Francis Gerald Williamson, m. Rita Kovell and had, Brian Williamson, Rene Williamson and Shawn Williamson
- (2) Jerry Lynn Williamson.

2.- Corma Dotson, m. Ezra "Chub" Garner; Ezra Garner is descended from George Washington Shinn and Mary Wilson. They had

- (1) Ruth Garner, m. Jim Walton
- (2) Jean Garner, m. Steve Ferrebee
- (3) Shirley Garner, m. Lee Roy Doak and had, Monnie Doak, David Doak, Ruth Doak, Gale Doak and Mary Kay Doak
- (4) Oris "Bucky" Garner, m. Connie Lambert and had, Buddy Garner. For more on this family, see page 352 *Descendants of John Wilson*..¹¹

3.- Francis Dotson, m. Edith Bonnell and had

- (1) Barbara Dotson
- (2) Connie Dotson who m. ____Griffith.

4.- Herman Dotson, m. Nettie Collins and had

- (1) Larry Dotson
- (2) Allen Dotson
- (3) Mary Lou Dotson
- (4) Janice Dotson
- (5) Alfred Dotson

2.- Sarah Dorcas Dotson, b. 1864, d. 15 April 1950; (Most of the following family information was graciously supplied by Naomi Ruth Cooper Stanley, Parkersburg, W. Va., great-granddaughter of Sarah Dorcas Dotson) Sarah married William Martin Cooper, b. 20 Jan 1859, d. 11 May 1939.

This marriage in Ritchie Co. "3 Oct 1880...Wm. M. Cooper, 21, single, b. Tyler Co. res. Rit. Co.; & Sarah D. Dotson, 17". Both buried Evergreen North (formerly Arlington) Cemetery, Parkersburg.

From the *Pennsboro News* SARAH D. COOPER.

"Mrs. Sarah Dorcas Cooper, born September 5, 1864, died Saturday April 15, 1950, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Mills of Elizabeth.

She was the daughter of Cyrus and Susan Doll Dotson and was born and raised on Buck Run, Ritchie County.

Surviving are four sons, Z. I. (*sic* O.) Cooper of Elizabeth and C. H., A. M. and J. R. Cooper all of Parkersburg; four daughters, Mrs. Ella Fortney of Clarksburg, Mrs. Orpha Mills of Elizabeth, Mrs. Della Lemon of Jane Lew and Mrs. Laura Echard of Cairo and 38 grand-children.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 17, from the Vienna Church of Christ with Evangelist T. W. Butterfield and Evangelist Kenneth B. Adams officiating. Interment in the Arlington Cemetery, Parkersburg."

Parents of eight children:

- a.- Zanas Oberlan Cooper b. 16 July 1881
- b.- Ellen "Ella" Sophronia Cooper b. 14 Dec1883
- c.- Cloe Della Cooper b. 16 Oct1894
- d.- Cyrus H. Cooper b. 3 Dec 1885
- e.- Orpha S. Cooper b. 12 Mar1889
- f.- Alvin McCoy "Coy" Cooper b. 26 July 1892
- g.- Jesse Reed Cooper b. 27 Dec 1896
- h.- Laura Cooper b. 21 Sept 1901

From Naomi Stanley, 11 Nov 1990 "Birth dates shown above were copied from hand written account by William O. Cooper dated 27 April 1912. I believe all of these children were born on Three Mile Run or on a farm at the top of the hill known for years as the Cooper farm in Calhoun Co. William left the farm on Three Mile Run near Freed W Va and moved to the farm on the Hill. Laura was born on the Hill. Zanas then lived on the farm on Three Mile Run; all of his children were born there. He sold the farm to my father Loura Cooper and Lottie Morrison Cooper. Although I was born in Elizabeth W Va, where my grandfather Zanas moved, we were raised on Three Mile Run. My four brothers were all born in Calhoun County in the same house where my grandparents and great grandparents had lived. A new house was built and the old one torn down ca. 1938. William and Sarah moved to Mellon, Ritchie Co., W Va. ; sold the farm on the hill, date is unknown to me"

a.- Zanas Oberlan Cooper, b. 16 July, 1881, Calhoun Co., d. 31 Dec 1979 m. Effie Maud Burrows, b. 1885 d. 1939, dau. of Marion L. and Priscilla Emily Sharps Burrows. on 1 Feb, 1905. They are buried in K. of P. Cemetery, Elizabeth, W Va. Parents of nine children:

- 1.- Flora Cooper b. 1905.
- 2.- Loura Cooper b. 25 March 1907
- 3.- William O. "Bill" Cooper b. 30 Nov 1909
- 4.- Wilbur M. Cooper
- 5.- Jesse M. Cooper
- 6.- Sadie Cooper
- 7.- Mary Cloe Cooper
- 8.- Everett O. Cooper b. 1922 d. 1989
- 9.- Emma Dorcas Cooper b. 1924

1.- Flora Cooper, b. Calhoun Co. 1905, d. 1974, m. W. Russell Pierson b. 1896, d. 1976. They are both buried in K. of P. Cemetery, Elizabeth, W Va. They were the parents of 12 children: Warren, Juanita, Mary, Hilda (m. "Jiggs" Dulin), Virgil, Jesse, Everett, Holly, Iwana, Orie, Larry, and Carolyn (m,——Shaffer).

2.- Loura Thurl Cooper b. Calhoun Co. 25 March 1907, d. 5 Oct 1951, buried K. of P. Cemetery, Elizabeth, W Va. m. Lottie L. Morrison b. 26 Aug 1906 dau. of Frank A. and Effie Smith Morrison, on 7 Sept 1927. They were the parents of five children. Lottie married Fred L. Morlan after Loura's death in Dec 1956.

(1) Naomi Ruth Cooper b. Wirt Co. 6 Aug 1928, m. Bernard E. Stanley b. 7 July 1927, son of Earl and Lena Ruble Stanley, on 26 June 1949, by Evangelist Ross Swindle. Four children:

(1a) Mark Roger Stanley b. 17 Aug 1950 Parkersburg, W Va. m. Victoria Susanne Koontz b. 10 Jan 1953, dau. of Lloyd and Verla Wade Koontz of Pano, Ill. on 26 Dec 1976. They have three sons; Andrew Edward Stanley b. 28 July 1981 in Waukesha, Wisc.; Seth Aaron Stanley b. 18 March 1983 in Bloomington, Ill.; and Samuel Wade Stanley b. 22 Oct 1985 in Bloomington, Ill

(1b) Sharon Lynn Stanley b. 23 Nov 1953 Parkersburg, W Va . m. Michael James McClead b. 18 Oct 1949, son of James and Norma Bennett McClead, on 31 Aug 1974 in Wood Co. W Va. by Evangelist John Miller-North End Church of Christ. They have two children: Jason Michael McClead b. 24 Dec 1976 in Parkersburg W Va; and Amanda Beth McClead b. 3 Dec 1981 in Parkersburg W Va.

(1c) Cathy Lynn Stanley. b. 10 June 1954 Wood Co., m. (1) Kent Custer, one child Kent Michael Custer, Jr. b 5 June 1974 Parkersburg W Va. Cathy m. (2) Arnold Morris one child Wendy Dawn Morris b. 22 Jan 1980 Parkersburg, W Va.

(1d) Dwain Earl Stanley b. 14 Dec 1956 m. Marcia Lynn Richards b 11 Aug 1957, dau. of Woodrow and Grace Yoak Richards on 16 July 1977. m. by Evangelist John Miller in lawn ceremony, Washington, W Va. Two children; Benjamin Earl Stanley, b. 11 Nov 1979 Parkersburg W Va.; and Jessica Lynn Stanley, b. 23 April 1981 Parkersburg W Va.

(2) Robert Archie Cooper b. 7 Sept 1930 Calhoun Co. m. Corrine Woodson on 1 May 1954.

(2a) Gary Lee Cooper b. 10 Feb 1956, m. Teresa Lynn Blevins b. 21 Aug 1960, dau. of James Millard "Rock" Blevins and Cora Lee Clark Blevins. They are the parents of Jason Edward Cooper b. 4 April 1988.

(2b) Ronnie Dale Cooper b. 6 May 1958. m. Audrey Elaine Allen b. 5 July 1958, dau. of Warren (Judge) Allen and Virginia Dare. Three children; Melody Elaine Cooper b. 10 June 1983; Kevin Dale Cooper b. 10 June 1985; and Sabrina Nicole Cooper b. 30 Aug 1988.

(2c) Reba Ann Cooper b. 13 Dec 1969

(3) Dennis Dewitte Cooper b. 23 March 1934, Calhoun Co. m. 19 Dec 1953 to Shirley Louise Fox b. 20 Sept 1936 dau. of Kelmer "Buss" Fox and Dessie Opal Haight Fox; Three Children;

(3a) Judy Dyanna Cooper b. 3 Sept 1954 m. (1) Chester William Kimball, Jr. 15 July 1973, son of Chester William Kimball, Sr. and Lola Kimball, Kansas City, Kansas. Children; Chad William Kimball b. 16 April 1975; and Jeff David Kimball b. 1 Feb 1977

(3a) Judy Dyanna Cooper m. (2) Richard Wilson Eggleton, Jr. 20 Dec 1986 son of Richard Wilson Eggleton and Doris Eggleton, Gallipolis, O.; Children; Dyanna Marie Eggleton, b. 18 Nov 1987; and Ryan Wilson Eggleton b. 22 April 1990

(3b) Dennis Michael Cooper b. 2 Oct 1957. m. Karen Ann Bibbee 21 July 1985 dau. of Kenneth and Clara Parsons, Belleville, W Va. Child; Serena Nicole Cooper b. 21 April 1987

(3c) Steven Paul Cooper b. 1 July 1964 m. Martha Gay Hardbarger 8 April 1988, dau. of Robert Hardbarger and Missouri Alice Hardbarger, Macfarlan, W Va.

(4)- Philip Wentworth Cooper b. 21 Nov 1935, Calhoun Co. m. 22 Dec 1956 to Augustine Reynolds b. 29 June 1936 dau. Walter and Minnie Jones Reynolds of Pikeville, Ky.

(4a) Pamela G. Cooper b. 21 June 1958, m. (1) Dana High, Cleveland, OH at Forrest Hills Church of Christ. Children; Philip S. High b 3 Oct 1977; and Melissa A. High b. 15 Nov 1980.

(4a) Pamela m. (2) Joe Beaumont, b. 10 May 1958 son of Clem and Virginia Beaumont.

(4b) Laura Lynn Cooper b. 8 Dec 1959 Cleveland O. m. Timothy McGuire b 3 July 1958 in Cleveland. son of Howard and Dorothy McGuire. Child; Courtney M. McGuire b. 6 Sept 1983 in Texas.

(4c) Gina R. Cooper b 27 Nov 1964 m. Oct 1988 to Donald Kline b. 7 Aug 1953, son of Bill and Mary Ann Kline.

(5) Shirley Wayne Cooper b. 9 Oct 1937 Calhoun Co. m. 21 Feb 1958 Norma Irene Cox. b. 19 April 1940 dau. of James Blaine and Jean Lorene Braham Cox. Children;

(5a) Debra Jean Cooper b. 13 Jan 1959 m. 27 Aug 1983 to Johnny Dale Weaver, b 7 Feb 1957, son of Ford E. and Mary Imogene Lawson Weaver. Child; Ashley Elizabeth Weaver b. 31 March 1985 d. 24 April 1985.

(5b) David Wayne Cooper b. 30 April 1961

(5c) Brian Keith Cooper b. 7 July 1964

(5d) Cynthia Dawn Cooper b. 5 July 1966 m. 8 Oct 1983 to William Edward Fore b. 11 Aug 1964, son of Dale E. and Bonnie Rollyson Fore. Children; William Christopher Fore b. 5 Feb 1985; Amber Dawn Fore b. 11 May 1986; Jessica Nichole Fore b. 4 July 1990

(5e) Robert Allen Cooper b. 2 April 1970

(5f) Brenda Jo Cooper b. 14 Oct 1973

(5g) Elysia Faye Cooper b. 25 May 1980

3.- Willie "Bill" Cooper b. 30 Nov 1909 Calhoun Co. m. Mary Elizabeth Davis 23 June, 1932. Children were three daughters:

(1) Martha Lee Cooper m. Ralph Leroy Seckel 25 March, 1950; four children:

(1a) Robert William Seckel d. 6 Jan 1952

(1b) Sandra "Sandy" Lee Seckel m. Philip Wayne Gerber. Two children; Andrea Gerber; Wesley Gerber

(1c) Terry Lynn Seckel married Frederick "Fred" Fawley .Two children; Stacy Fawley; Lindsay Fawley.

(1d) Sharon Louise Seckel m. Rex A. Ard. Two children; Amber Ard; Joshua Ard.

- (2) Willa Lucille Cooper m. Charles Fierbaugh. Four children;
(2a. Dana Mark Fierbaugh m. Judy Davis. Two Children; Wesley Mark Fierbaugh; Cody Edward Fierbaugh
(2b) Steven Lynn Fierbaugh m. Jean Ann Hawes. Two children; Joshua Steven Fierbaugh; Caleb Andrew Fierbaugh.
(2c) Gary Lee Fierbaugh d. 22 Nov 1957
(2d) Linda Diane Fierbaugh m. Gary Owen Hall. Two children; Judi Renee Hall; Evan Lee Hall.
(3) Helen Louise Cooper m. W. J. "Bill" Dennison. Three children;
(3a) Rick Dennison m. Chris Hill. Three children; Bart Hill; Nate Hill; Kelly Hill.
(3b) Bill Dennison m. Kim Strickman (no children April 1990)
(3c) C. J. Jay m. Kelly Oberlander. One child; Kylene Sue, b. 12 April

1990

- 4.- Wilbur Cooper b. Calhoun Co., m. Myrtle Sheppard. Three children;
(1) Harold Gene Cooper
(2) Delores Ann Cooper
(3) Janet Sue Cooper
5.- Jesse Marion Cooper b. Calhoun Co. m. Blondena Kelley
6.- Sadie Cooper, d. young of scarlet fever, bur. Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Harley (now Brohard), W Va. Church of Christ
7.- Mary Cloe Cooper b. Calhoun Co. m. Gerald "Speedy" Vaught. Two children;
(1) Bradley Vaught
(2) Ronnie Vaught
8.- Everett O. Cooper b. Calhoun Co. 25 Aug 1922, d. 15 Feb 1989; buried Rockwood, Mich. m. Gloria Beneleit Cooper. Five children;
(1) Everett O. Cooper
(2) Terrence B. Cooper
(3) James O. Cooper
(4) Tracy W. Cooper
(5) Lucinda Cooper, m. ____ Gaitanopolis
9.- Emma Dorcas Cooper b. Calhoun Co., m. . Two children;
(1) Carolyn Smith
(2) Sandra Smith m. Larry Keffer

a.- Z. O. Cooper, son of Sarah Dorcas Dotson and William Martin Cooper, m. (2) Malinda Ray b. 1879 d. 1963.

b.- Ella Sophronia Cooper, b. 14 Dec 1883, d. 26 Sept 1972. She m. Perry Ray Fortney, 30 Sept 1903. He d. 1 Oct 1928. Parents of eight children:

- 1.- Tracy Junior Fortney, b. 1904, m. Maud Lawrence.
2.- Willard Esta Fortney, b. May 27, 1906, m. Lucille Virginia Cottrill, Aug 6, 1930. They had (1) Alice Jean Fortney, b. Aug 5, 1937 who m. Jackie Lee Welch, Oct 2, 1962 and had John Fortney Welch, b. April 4, 1965 and Lucy Gaynell Welch, b. Nov 23, 1968.

- 3.- Teddy Owen Fortney, 1908-1967. Single.
- 4.- Dennis Austin Fortney, b. Nov 1910, m. Zella French.
- 5.- Burl Alton Fortney, b. Feb 2, 1913, m. Mary Stalnaker.
- 6.- Romeo Reed Fortney, 1918-1944. Single.
- 7.- Ruby Chloe Fortney, b. Oct 6, 1921, m. Lester Queen, 1946.
- 8.- Brady Arliss Fortney, b. April 9, 1927, m. Jean Simpson.
- c.- Cloe Della Cooper, b. 16 Oct 1894 m. Clyde Lemon. Five children;
 - 1.- Russell Lemon
 - 2.- Alden Lemon
 - 3.- Ruth Lemon
 - 4.- Edwin N. Lemon
 - 5.- Annabelle Lemon
- d.- Cyrus H. Cooper b. 3 Dec 1885 m. Erma Stevicks Cooper. Two children;
 - 1.- Myrtle Cooper
 - 2.- Alta Cooper
- e.- Orpha S. Cooper b. 12 March 1889 d. 1957 m. Adam A. Mills. Four children;
 - 1.- Lon Mills
 - 2.- Goldie Mills m. "Bert" McCroskey
 - 3.- Oran Mills m. Narcis Wilson
 - 4.- Imogene Mills m. Carter Salmons
- f.- Alvin McCoy Cooper b. 26 July 1892, m. (1) Mary Lemon. Three children;
 - 1.- Lowell Cooper m. Georgia ____.
 - 2.- Newell Cooper m. Marie Johnson
 - 3.- Theda Cooper m. (1) Beard Burgess. Child;
 - (1) Lois K. Burgess m. Charles Morris. Two children;
 - (1a) Mary Morris
 - (1b) Chris Morris
 - 3.- Theda m. (2) T. S. Burgess
 - 4.- Lois Cooper
- f.-Alvin McCoy Cooper m. (2) Cenith Vannoy
- g.- Jesse Reed Cooper b. Calhoun Co. living Ritchie Co. m. (1) Sarah Belle Eddy 17 June 1922 (Ritchie Co) Three children;
 - 1.- Denver Emmett Cooper- a minister of the Church of Christ. b. 3 April 1923, Cairo W Va. m. Emma Florence Smith 25 March 1945 in Parkersburg, W Va.; Nine Children;
 - (1) Edward Thomas Cooper b. 23 April 1946 East Liverpool, Ohio
 - (2) Denver Emmett Cooper, Jr. b 13 May 1947 East Liverpool, Ohio
 - (3) Kelly Reed Cooper, b. 4 Oct 1949 Phillipi, W Va.
 - (4) Timothy Lane Cooper b. 25 June 1951 Stubenville, Ohio
 - (5) Rebecca Kay Cooper b. 14 June 1952 Stubenville, Ohio
 - (6) Jesse Lynn Cooper b. 30 Nov 1953 Wierton, Ohio
 - (7) Presca Renee Cooper b. 18 Jan 1959 Parkersburg, W Va.
 - (8) Denise Ann Cooper b. 6 June 1960 Ravenswood, W Va.
 - (9) Martha Lynn Cooper b. 12 July 1948 Awkland, Ohio (adopted)
 - 2.- Doris Cooper b. 2 June 1924 Cairo, W Va. d. 7 Sept 1931
 - 3.- Donald Reed Cooper, also a minister of the Church of Christ, b. 3 April 1933

Parkersburg, W Va., m. Janet Jones 7 March 1954.

g.-Jesse Cooper m. (2) Evelyn Daines

h.- Laura L. Cooper b. 21 Sept 1901 m. (1) Clarence Echard. Four children;

1.- Kenneth Echard m. Wilma Moore

2.- Curly Echard m. Virginia Middleton

3.- Gilbert Echard m. Madolyn McVay

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* May 2, 1991: "Madolyn L. Echard, 66, of Rt. 9, Parkersburg, WV, died Tues. April 23, 1991, in Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital there following an extended illness.

She was born in Petroleum, WV, a daughter of Robert F. and Pearl Parr McVay of Parkersburg. She was a member of Calvary Memorial Church and was a former employee of American Viscose.

Surviving are her husband, Gilbert W. Echard; two sons, Steven Michael Echard and Roger Paul Echard, both of Parkersburg; a daughter, Patricia Diane Elmy of Waynesboro, PA; two brothers Willia J. McVay and Robert C. McVay, both of Parkersburg; and five grandchildren....."

4.- Twyla Echard m. Abner Philips, Jr.

h.- Laura Cooper m. (2) Herbert "Herb" Lindamood

3.- Elizabeth Dotson, b. ca. 1868

In the household of her father Cyrus, in the census of 1870 "Eliza V C age 2" and in the 1880 census "Eliza, WF, age 12, Dau."

From Ritchie Co. Deaths, p. 43: "Dotson Eliza VG, d. Aug 14, 1883 Buck Run, consumption ; 15y 2m; housework, unmarried; parents Cyrus and Susan Dotson, b. Lynn Camp; rept. Cyrus Dotson, father."

In the Buck Run Cemetery: "Dotson Eliza V. dau of Cyrus and Susan 1867-1883"

4.- Joseph Dotson, b. July 19, 1873 on Buck Run: m. Theodosia Dotson, b. Nov 9, 1877, dau of Jacob Dotson and Hannah Doak. For Theodosia Dotson's family see Chapter VII-5 Benjamin Dotson, Jacob.

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "15 Nov 1894...Joseph Dotson...age 21...b. Ritchie...m. Theadosia Dotson...age 17...b. Ritchie."

For additional information see Bertha Seller's *Dotson Family*¹² page 32, and *Doak Family*,¹³ page 59.

They resided on Buck Run. Joseph Dotson d. of TB (death register says heart disease). Before he d. the neighbors grubbed land for a crop. From the *Pennsboro News*, March 5, 1970..BUCK RUN NEWS "65 YEARS AGO."

"BUCK RUN...The sturdy farmers of this vicinity turned out 27 strong last Wednesday and grubbed 5 acres for Joseph Dotson.

Mr. Dotson has been an invalid all winter and has the keen sympathy of the neighborhood. The women attended to the culinary department and put up a farmer's dinner, the piece de resistance, being, a huge pot pie."

Joseph Dotson, d. Dec 17, 1905."

The family remained on Buck Run. The switchboard of the Buck Run Telephone Company was in their house. With the income from the switchboard and their garden and

truck patch and chickens and cows the family was able to make a living. Theodosia remained a widow the remainder of her life.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Ritchie Clay Dist 30 86 7 48:

Dotson Joseph M	W	July 1874	25	WV
Theodosia	W	Nov 1877	22	WV
Esta E	D	Oct 1898	1	WV

From Ritchie Co. Register of Deaths: "Dotson, J. M., white, male, d. Dec 17, 1905 at Stanley, heart disease, age 31, farming, rept. T. Dotson, wife."

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie County:

Dotson Theadosia	H W	32	WV WV
Estie E	D	11	WV
Dolia	D	09	WV
Mona	D	05	WV
Cyrus	FL	69	WV
Susan	ML	68	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 48 115 2 60:

Dotson Theodosia	W	42	WV
Esta	D	21	WV
Dolia	D	18	WV
Mona	D	14	WV

From Ritchie Co. Deaths (1919-1970): p. 110, "Dotson Theodosia, female white, widow; died Dec 5, 1951 Pennsboro; age 74 y; housewife, b. Ritchie Co. parents Jacob Dotson, Hannah Dotson, cereb. hemor.; rept. Bertha J Riddle"

In the Buck Run Cemetery: JOSEPH M. DOTSON...July 19, 1873-December 17, 1905. THEODOSIA DOTSON...November 9, 1877-December 5, 1951.

Joseph and Theodosia were parents of four daughters:

a.- Lula Mae Dotson, b. Nov 16, 1896, d. Nov 28, 1897. In the Buck Run Cemetery: LOULA MAE DOTSON...1896-1897

b.- Esta Dotson, b. Oct 12, 1898, d. Oct 19, 1973. She m. Alfred Houston, March 3, 1934. He was b. May 7, 1887 and d. Jan 18, 1952 He is buried at Gallipolis, Ohio.

In the Buck Run Cemetery: ESTA DOTSON HOUSTON...1898-1973.

They resided in the Ashland, Ky. area. Parents of one child.

1.- Mona Lee Houston, b. Oct 5, 1935. She m. George Asbed, Aug 15, 1953. They reside in the St. Louis, Mo. area. They have three children:

(1) George Steven Asbed, b. July 30, 1954

(2) Jeffrey Edwin Asbed, b. March 15, 1957

(3) Julie Lynn Asbed, b. May 26, 1964.

c.- Dolia Dotson, b. March 27, 1901. Still living 1982. She m. Fred Kiger Oct 8, 1927. He was b. Oct 24, 1885. He d. several years ago. I have no record but he must be buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Pennsboro.

Dolia worked for the Carnegie Gas Co. before her marriage. Fred Kiger was in the oil and gas business. They resided at Pennsboro. No children.

d.- Mona Dotson, b. April 14, 1905. She m. Wayne Markle July 15, 1933. She taught school and worked for the Board of Education, as a secretary. Wayne taught in the

Pennsboro High School. They resided at Pennsboro. Mona is dead. She must be buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Pennsboro. Parents of two daughters:

1. Rosemary Markle, b. May 8, 1934. She m. Edwin Cook, who was b. Oct 17, 1934. They have:

(1) Robin Lee Cook, b. July 31, 1970

(2) Winona Dee Cook, b. May 16, 1973.

2.- Ruthalee Markle, b. March 9, 1940. She m. Robert Carroll June 28, 1963. He was b. June 25, 1940. They have:

(1) Tiffany Diane Carroll, b. Oct 29, 1967

(2) Stanford Brent Carroll, b. March 31, 1969.

CHAPTER XIV-11

AARON JASON DOTSON.

Information of the Aaron Jason Dotson family, son of Thomas and Elizabeth, has been furnished by a granddaughter, , Route No. 2, Box 14, Fairmont, W. Va. 26554. She is a dau. of Daisy Mae Dotson, the 9th child of Aaron Jason Dotson. Copies of marriage certificates, death certificates, birth certificates, etc. plus many pictures have been deposited with the Ritchie County Historical Society, and are kept at the society's "Stone House" at Pennsboro. Much additional information on the Jason Dotson family has been graciously furnished by Viola Bird Dotson Wadsworth of Pine Grove, WV, dau. of Bijah Nelson Dotson and granddaughter of Aaron Jason Dotson.

Aaron Jason Dotson, b. on Buck Run, Feb 14, 1844. He m. Viola Victoria Hull in Tyler County, May 27, 1869. She was b. 28 Sept 1851, dau. of Silas and Elizabeth Hull; she d. 30 Jan 1896 of child bed fever. He d. 19 Sept 1895 (death certificate) of nephritis. Both are buried at Buck Run.

Certificate to obtain a marriage license; time of marriage...May 27, 1869; place...Tyler Co.; full names...Aaron Dotson & Victoria Hull; age husband 26, wife 17; both single; Husband's birth...Ritchie Co.; Wife's birth.. Tyler Co.; Husband's residence...Ritchie Co.; Wife's residence...Tyler Co.; Husband's parents...Thomas and Eliza Dotson; wife's parents...Silas & Elizabeth Hull; occupation, husband...farmer. 21st May 1869. marriage license; Tyler Co., Aaron Dotson and Victoria Hull, 21st May 1869.

They resided on Buck Run. In the Buck Run Cemetery:

"A. Dotson 2-4-1844 5-28-1896

V. Victoria H. 9-28-1851 1-30-1896"

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie Co. (280-270)

Jason Dotson	27	Va	Farmer
Victory	19	Va	Hskpr
Lawson	22	Va	Farmer
Eliza	50	Va	Ret Hskpr

From the 1880 census of Ritchie County 151 006:

Dotson, Eliza (w)	WF	59	Housekeeping	WV	WV	WV
Jason (m)	WM	36	Son Farmer	WV	WV	WV
Victoria (m)	WF	26	Dil At home	WV	OH	OH

Larson (Lawson)	WM	32	Son	Farmer	WV WV WV
Eliza C	WF	9	G/Dau		WV WV WV
Creed C	WM	7	G/Son		WV WV WV
Mary A	WF	5	G/Dau		WV WV WV
Mortimer I	WM	4	G/Son		WV WV WV
Cyrus H	WM	1	G/Son		WV WV WV

Jason and Victoria were the parents of 12 children: Eliza Elizabeth Dotson; Creed C. Dotson; Mary Adeline Dotson; Mortimer D. Dotson; Cyrus Dotson; Benjamin Franklin Dotson; Lydia Ann Dotson; Sarah (Mary) Catherine Dotson; Daisy Mae Dotson; Bijah Nelson Dotson; Nina Ethel Dotson; and Sadie Hazel Dotson.

1.- Eliza Elizabeth Dotson, b. 4 Nov 1870, d. 21 April 1937 at Wallace in Harrison Co. She m. George Washington Richards, 20 Aug 1889. He b. 29 Jan 1865, son of Jesse Richards and Sarah Stewart. He d. 7 April 1949 (85 years).

Birth certificate in Ritchie Co., Eliza E. Dotson, b. 4 Nov 1870. Marriage certificate in Ritchie Co., "20 Aug 1889...George W. Richards 24, b. Ritchie... and Elizabeth Dotson 18, b. Ritchie...by E. J. Taylor." (Note-"Doc").

Death Certificate in Harrison Co...Elizabeth Richards d. 21 April 1937 (Cardiac Disease) at Rinehart. Age 66. Burial, Rinehart.

Death certificate in Marion Co...George Washington Richards, d. April 7, 1949 at Mannington of Acute Endocarditis Senility. Age 85. Place of burial not given but he must have been buried at Rinehart.

From the *Wetzel Democrat*:

"MANNINGTON, April 8...George W. Richards, aged 85 years, passed away on Thursday, April 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prunty in the Sycamore Addition following a brief illness.

His wife was the former (Eliza) Elizabeth Dotson who died several years ago. Forty grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren are also living."

From the 1900 census of WV; Doddridge Count McClellan Dist.:

Richards George	MW	Jan 1864	36	m. 10 yr.	WV WV WV
Eliza E	FW	Sept 1870	29	W 6 child. all liv.	WV WV WV
Charlie C	MW	June 1890	9	S	
Ivy E	FW	Oct 1891	8	D	
Bertie B	FW	July 1894	5	D	
Eva B	FW	March 1896	4	D	
Nella M	FW	Jan 1898	2	D	
Arza s	MW	Jan 1900	5 mo.	S	

They were the parents of ten children:

a.- Charles Clark Richards, b. 20 June 1890, d. 1938, Rinehart, Harrison Co. he m. Mamie Swiger. Two Children:

1.- Mildred Swiger.

2.- Dorothy Swiger.

b.- Iva Ellen Richards, b. 28 Oct 1892, Ritchie Co., d. 4 Nov 1975, Parkersburg (care center). Bur. 7 Nov 1975, North View Cem., New Martinsville. She m. 25 Aug 1909, Wetzel Co., John Wesley Barker (railroader, hunter, fisherman and teller of great tales),

b. 16 Aug 1886, d. 18 Sept 1978, Saint George, Washington, Utah. Bur. 21 Sept 1978, St. George, Utah Cemetery. He was son of James Wilson Barker and Zana Amos Ice. Iva Ellen Barker and John Wesley Barker were divorced in Wood Co., 17 April 1942. Parents of six children:

1.- Bessie Ellen Barker, b. 6 Aug 1910, Brown, Harrison Co., m. Franklin Claridge Anderson 27 Aug 1927. She d. 11 Nov 1936 in Wetzel Co. He was b. in Jackson Co., 6 Feb 1908.

They separated, but he did not marry (2) until after her death. They had:

(1) Alberta Irene Anderson, b. 16 May 1928, Wood Co., m. (1) Jan 1946, Jacob Mace, m. (2) Andrew Giddion

(2) John Darrell Anderson, b. 3 Oct 1930, Wetzel Co., d. 5 Nov 1977. He m. 12 Feb 1953, Nancy Louise Merriweather.

2.- Aubrey Barker, b. 9 Nov 1911, Bevelin Fork, Wetzel Co., d. 20 Jan, 1912

3.- Elmer Ross Barker, b. 12 Sept 1913, Folsom, Wetzel Co. He was in the army and truck driver. He m. Florence Elizabeth Bartlett, 20 Sept 1945. he d. 28 Oct 1979 at Parkersburg. m. at Parkersburg. Buried North View Cem., New Martinsville. She was dau. of David McKinley Bartlett and Violet Bell Wilson. They had:

(1) Carl Ross Barker, b. 3 July 1946 at Parkersburg, who m. Debbie Messer.

Divorced

(2) Debra Lynn Barker, b. 6 Feb 1950 at Parkersburg who m. Thomas Kelly.

Divorced

(3) John David Barker, b. 14 Jan 1952 at Parkersburg who m. 28 June 1970, Margo Flynn

(4) Joyce Dianna Barker, b. 2 Jan 1958 at Parkersburg. She m. Dec 1972, Randel Harrison.

4.- Ivan Clair Barker, Sr., b. 3 Oct 1915 in Wetzel Co., d. 20 Feb 1977 and buried North View Cem., New Martinsville. He m. 8 Jan 1945 in Wood Co., Ethel Jaunita Hornbeck, b. 23 April 1927 in Wood Co., dau. J. H. Hornbeck and Georgia Elsie Hornbeck. They had: (1) Barbara Ellen Barker, b. 15 Dec 1945, Wood Co., m. 27 March 1967, Jerry Lee Vitruals, b. 1 Aug 1946, Wood Co.

(2) Jaunita Darline Barker, b. 9 Feb 1947, Wood Co., m. 6 June 1963, Paul Edgar Kent, b. 2 May 1940, Wood Co.

(3) Clara May Barker, b. 1 May 1948, Wood Co., m. 12 Feb 1967, Thomas Ray Bennett, b. 11 Dec 1942, Wood Co.

(4) Norma Ruth Barker, b. 14 May 1953, Wood Co., m. 21 March 1971, Daniel Lee Wilson, b. 17 Oct 1952, Wood Co.

(5) Ivan Clair Barker, Jr., b. 15 Nov 1956, Wood Co., m. 2 Sept 1978, Carol Sue Morrison, b. 27 May 1960, Wood Co.

5.- Betty Lee Barker, b. 17 July 1922, New Martinsville, m. 12 Aug 1944, Harvey Reginal Trimble, b. 19 Feb 1919, son of John A. Trimble and Anna M. Sams.

She divorced him in 1958. Re-married him 30 April 1960. Divorced him again, 16 Aug 1962. She m. 12 Feb 1965 Robert James Hopkins.

Children by Trimble:

(1) Donna Lee Trimble, b. 22 July 1945, Wood Co., m. Sept 1971, Eugene Wilcox Todd

(2) Patricia Ann Trimble, b. 9 July 1846, Wood Co.

(3) Karl Joseph Trimble, b. 16 July 1949, Wood Co., m. 20 Nov 1970,
Linda Jean Berry. Divorced.

(4) D'nee Kim Trimble, b. 18 Oct 1955, Tuscon Pima, Ariz., m. 14 Feb 1979
Denis Barton Ashcraft

(5) Renarde Trimble, b. 2 Jan 1961, Wood Co.

c.- Bertie Bessie Richards, b. 9 July 1894, Ritchie Co. (m. cert. states Wetzel Co.) m.
9 Jan 1912, John M. Burge. Resided at Mansfield, Ohio. Parents of nine children:

1. Evelyn Florine Burge, b. 24 April 1916, Belpre, Ohio.

2.- Charles Burge, m. Carrie George. They had:

(1) Annie

(2) Dick

(3) Beckie

3.- Betty Burge

4.- John Burge

5.- Jane Burge

6.- Jackie Burge

They had three other children.

d.- Eva Blanch Richards, b. 16 May 1896 in Ritchie Co. She d. in the Weston State
Hospital, 27 Feb 1969. She m. Russell Prunty, son of George Prunty and Sarah Ann Gains.
She spent the last seven years in Weston (State Hospital).

This note from Mary Holt, County Clerk of Lewis Co., 12 Jan 1981, "I have made a
copy of the last will and testament of Russell Prunty but it is barely readable. I got the
original from the file but it isn't clear. Our list of heirs shows the following: Eva Blanch
Prunty, widow-Weston State Hospital. Geraldine Coffman-daughter-Weston, Pearl
Lipovski-daughter-Orlando, Florida. Judy Yeakey-daughter-Houston, Texas.

Parents of three daughters:

1.- Geraldine Prunty, m. ____ Coffman.

2.- Pearl Prunty, m. ____ Lipovski.

3.- Judy Prunty, m. ____ Yeakey.

e.- Nellie May Richards, b. 19 Jan 1898; d. 28 Oct 1962. Buried Mannington
Memorial Gardens. She m. Ira George, 14 Sept 1913 in Doddridge Co., he was b. 2 Jan
1889 in Doddridge Co., son of Silas Henry George and Etta Ellen Cain. He d. 1967 and
is buried Mannington Memorial Gardens. Parents of nine children:

1.- Carrie George, m. (1) Charles Burge. They had:

(1) Ann Burge

(2) Dick Burge (deceased)

(3) Beckie Burge

1.- Carrie George m. (2) Curtin Valentine. They had:

(4) Shirly Showalter

1.- Carrie George m. (3) Clyde Longshere.

2.- Loreda Vell George, b. 20 July 1917. She m. Ray Albert Prunty 9 Dec 1933.
He was b. 23 Oct 1912, son of Edward Prunty and Mindy Carrol. They had;

(1) Patricia Jean Prunty, b. 30 March 1935 who m. Jack Burke, b. 19 May
1914. They had Pamela Jo Prunty, Bill Leroy Price, Jackie Ray Burke and David Brian

Burke. (2) Cathy Lynette Prunty, b. 19 May 1956 who m. Michael Gene North.

3.- Esta Lorraine George, b. April 1926, d. April 1926.

4.- Robert N. George, b. 3 Jan 1925, m. 25 Dec 1946, Eleanor Jean Metz, b., 29 July 1928, dau. James Edward Metz and Eleanor Marie Gump. They had:

(1) Coleen George who m. Mark Morris. Coleen is school teacher at Mannington.

5. Frank Richard George, b. 20 June 1927, m. (1) Josephine Yost. They had:

(1) Roderick George who m. Georgie____.

5.- Frank Richard George m. (2) Rosemary Snodgrass.

6.- Gloria Mae George, b. Wetzel Co., 22 Feb 1930, m. 1963, Pete Charles Napale, b. 22 Nov 1926. Divorced.

7.- Ray Bernard George, b. 28 Oct 1932. He d. June 1979, buried Mannington Cemetery. He m. Janice Shingleton, dau. Albert Shingleton and Lucy Sabina Shingleton. They had:

(1) Teresa George

(2) Bernie George

8.- Bill Duane George, b. 18 Nov 1935, m. 30 Oct 1959, Diane Sabola. They had:

(1) Ferry George

(2) Billie George, Jr.

(3) Debra George

(4) Brian George

9.- Doris Carol George, b. 26 Dec 1941, m. Jack Faria. They had

(1) Noleda Faria

(2) Scotly Faria

(3) John Faria

f.- Arza Sanford Richards, b. 19 Jan 1900 in Dodd. Co. He m. Ora Weaver. Sanford was red headed. Parents of two children;

1.- Billy Richards

2.- Lemoine Richards

g.- Sarah Victoria Richards, (Nickname "Sadie"), b. 9 July 1902 in Dodd. Co. She m. Thomas Little. Several children; no names.

h.- George Lester Richards, b. 28 April 1904 in Wetzel Co., m. (1) Opal Irene Barnhouse, b. 1917 in Wetzel Co., dau. of Evan Barnhouse and Ruby Barnhouse. He m. (2) Fairy Gay Rogers. Spouse No. 2 is in a nursing home (1980). He and his first spouse had several children. Lived in Oregon and later divorced. Fairy Gay Rogers, b. Braxton Co., 11 May 1905. m. 10 May 1966. dau. of Benjamin Franklin Rogers and Lenora Haymond.

i.- Jesse Jason Richards, b. 5 May 1906, Dodd. Co. He m. Edith Florence Myers, b. 8 Feb 1913, Piney, Wetzel Co. She d. 12 May 1935. dau. A. Myers and Cora White. He was committed to Weston (state hospital). Five known children:

1.- Mildred Richards

2.- Dorothy Richards

3.- Janette Richards

4.- Robin Richards

5.- Clarence James Richards

j.- Arlina Marie Richards, b 22 Aug 1908, Wetzel Co., d. 22 Aug 1908.

2.- Creed C. Dotson, b. Ritchie Co., 10 Aug 1872. He d. in Wetzel Co., 24 July 1933. He m. 1 Jan 1899, in Dodd. Co., Amanda C. Johnson, b. 22 May 1882, d. 9 Sept 1946 at Folsom, Wetzel Co. She was a dau. of William Johnson and Nancy Ash. Amanda had cancer of the throat and died of starvation (couldn't eat). After Creed C. Dotson d., Amanda m. Zedwick Edhell.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: 39 89 7 62 Tyler McElroy Dist

Dotson Creed	W	July 1872	27	WV
Manda	W	May 1881	19	WV
Jason	S	March 1900	2/12	WV
Nina E (Ethel)N	July 1893	6	WV	

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Wetzel 048 0150 0106

Dotson Creed	H W	37	WV WV
Amanda	W	28	WV
Jason	S	10	WV
Hazel	D	08	WV
Edith	D	05	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Wetzel 53 155 2 60

Dotson, Creed	W	46	WV
Amanda	W	38	WV
Edith	D	15	WV
Simon	S	6	WV
William	S	2	WV

Creed and Amanda were parents of five children:

a.- Jacob Jason Dotson, b. 29 March 1899, Alvy, Tyler Co., d. 25 Feb 1971, Monongahela Co. Buried Folsom, Wetzel Co. His death certificate states he was married. Wife unknown by family.

b.- Hazel H. Dotson, b. 1901, m. 9 Oct 1918, Archie Whaley. He b. 1898, d. 30 June 1964, Monongahela Co. Son of Charlie Whaley and Sarah E. Owens. He d. with cancer of the pancreas. Parents of three children:

1.- Myrtle Whaley, b. 14 June 1921, Wetzel Co. she m. (1) Mark Lewis, m. (2) John Colline. No children.

2.- Annie Whaley, b. 13 Sept 1923, Wetzel Co. She m. Junior Morgan. Parents of thirteen children. No information.

3.- Robert Whaley, b. 25 April 1921 in Harrison Co. married while in navy and divorced. Has one boy.

c.- Simon Dotson, b. 11 May 1913, Wetzel Co. He m., 5 May 1934, in Wetzel Co., Goldie Edgell, b. 14 Dec 1915 in Wetzel Co. She was dau. of Oscar Edgell and Faye Barker Edgell. Parents of six children;

1.- Creed Dwight Dotson, b. 3 May 1935.

2.- Robert Lee Dotson, b. 15 April 1937, d. 13 Dec 1968. He m. Linda Cozed.

They had:

- (1) Debbie Sue Dotson
- (2) Sarah J. Dotson

(3) Carolyn Dotson

3.- Ruby Jean Dotson, b. 11 March 1941 in Wetzel Co., d. March 1941.

4.- Unnamed son (later called Johnnie), b. 4 Sept 1939, d. 4 Sept 1939.

5.- Dorothy Dotson, b. 11 Feb 1944. She m. 27 Oct 1962, Lonnie Dale Price. They

had;

(1) Angie Marline Price

(2) Tracy Price

(3) Jukie Price

6.- Jesse Louise Dotson, b. 12 April 1947, m. 14 Dec 1962, Harry Dale Higgins.

They had;

(1) Ronnie Dale Higgins, Jr.

(2) Larry Higgins

(3) Sharon L. Higgins

(4) Sandy Higgins

(5) Christie Higgins

(6) David Lee Higgins

d.- Edith Dotson, b. 20 Dec 1904, d. 20 May 1975, Morgantown. Also states d. Wetzel Co. Must have resided and buried in Wetzel Co. She m. Ira Sales.

e.- William Dotson, b. 9 Aug 1917, Wetzel Co., m. 10 July 1944 in Oakland, Md., Adeline Scott, b. 15 May 1917, Harrison Co., dau. of Leonard Scott and Malissa Holbert. No children.

3.- Mary Adeline Dotson, b. in Ritchie Co., 16 June 1874, d. Ashley, 23 Aug 1959, bur. Cedar Grove Church of Christ Cemetery. She m. Charles D. Ferrebee 22 Nov 1895. He was b. 12 June 1872, d. 5 Aug 1956. Son of Felix Ferrebee and Victoria Ferrebee. Adeline was a member of the Church of Christ and was 85 yrs. old.

WEST UNION.- "Mrs. Mary Adeline (Addie) Ferrebee, 85 of Ashley, Star Route, West Union, died at 2:30 a.m. Aug 23, 1959, at her residence, following a six year illness.

Born in Ritchie Co., June 16, 1874, she was a daughter of the late Jason and Victoria Hull Dotson. In 1895 she married Charles D. Ferrebee, who preceded her in death on Aug 5, 1956.

Surviving are three daughters and four sons; Mrs. Tressie Pitts and Mrs. Naomi Swiger, both of West Union Star Route; Mrs. Nettie Swiger of Tacoma, Wash.; Howard Dotson, Annapolis, Ill.; Archie of Dunkirk, Ind.; Raleigh of West Union, Star Route; Benjamin of East Liverpool, Ohio and Abijah (Bijah, brother) of West Union, Star Route; 26 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Church of Christ and lived in the Ashley community for 65 years."

From the 1900 census of WV; Doddridge Co. McClellan Dist.:

Ferrebee Charles	WM	June 1872	27	m. 3 yrs	WV WV WV
Mary A	WF	June 1874	25	W 2 child. liv.	WV WV WV
Ezra H	WM	July 1897	2	S	WV WV WV
Archie R	WM	Dec 1898	1	S	WV WV WV

Parents of eleven children:

a.- Tressie Ferrebee, m. (1) Leander Pitts (died); m. (2)____ Guthrie.

b.- Naomi Ferrebee, m. Homer Ray Swiger. He b. 7 April 1933, Broad Run. Eight Children:

1.- Carrie Beaver Swiger

2.- George Wilson Swiger

Do not know names of other six children.

c.- Nettie Ferrebee, m. (1) Bruce Dotson (Dave's son). They divorced. m. (2) ____ Swiger. Lives in Tacoma, Wash.

d.- Ezra Howard Ferrebee, b. 9 July 1897, d. 22 Jan 1972, m. Cleo _____. Resided in Annapolis, Ill.

e.- Archie Ferrebee, resides, Dunkirk, Ind.

f.- Raleigh Ferrebee, resides West Union, W.Va.

g.- Benjamin Ferrebee, b. 7 Aug 1912, Doddridge Co., d. 11 Sept 1976, m. Lona Gains. Lives East Liverpool, Ohio. Parents seven children.

h.- Abijah Dotson Ferrebee, deceased before 1982.

i.- Rosa Mae Ferrebee, b. 1908, Doddridge Co., d. 1937, Tyler Co., shem. ____ Anderson.

j.- Leslie Donivan "Don" Ferrebee, b. 1922, d. 21 Aug 1938.

k.- Herman Ferrebee, b. 1901, Dodd. Co., m. Hazel Knight. Parents of eight of ten children.

4.- Mortimer D. Dotson, b. 29 Sept 1876 in Ritchie Co. He d. 15 Dec 1957 at Clarksburg. He m. 26 Jan 1897, Harriet Marcelle Swiger, b. 21 Aug 1880, d. 3 Oct 1968. dau. of Wesley Swiger and Lovina Boyce.

"Mrs. HARRIET MARCELLA ANNA DOTSON, 88, 1628 Richards Ave. passed away Oct 3, 1968 in Yawkey, W. Va., following an extended illness. She was born in West Union, W. Va., Aug 21, 1880, a daughter of the late Wesley and Lavina Boyce Swiger. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mort Dotson 1957. Surviving are two sons; Eddie Dotson, Lambert's Run; and Olie Dotson, Baltimore, Ohio; nine daughters; Mrs. Ella White, Yawkey, W. Va.; Mrs. Philip (Gay) McBee, Mrs. Carl (Goldie) Oiler and Mrs. Raymond (Eva) George, all of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Wesley (Kathleen) Briggs, Elgin, Okla.; Mrs. Delbert (Esther) Nutter, 1308 N. 19th St., Clarksburg; Mrs. Raymond (Mabel) Kiser, Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. Butron (Pauline) Townsend, 1410 Richards Ave.; Mrs. Jack (Helen) Davis, Buckeye Lake, Ohio; and one sister; Mrs. Cora Hayhurst, Anmoore. One son, Ray Dotson, who is deceased. Mrs. Dotson was a member of the North View United Methodist (E.U.B.) Church.

Friends may call at the Davis Funeral Home, 443 West Pike St. after 5 p. m. Saturday, until 11 a.m. Monday, Oct 7, when the body will be moved to the North View United Methodist Church to lie in state one hour before the service at 1 p. m. The Rev. G. Bland Brady, Pastor of the Church will officiate. Interment in Greenlawn Masonic Cemetery, Davis Funeral Home"

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Tyler McElroy Dist 34 89 25 37:

Dotson Mort D	W	Sept 1876	23	WV
Marcillia	W	Aug 1881	18	WV
Ella B	D	April 1898	2	WV
Eddy	S	Dec 1899	6/12	WV

Names and dates of children copied from family Bible by Pauline Townsend.

Parents of eleven children:

a.- Ella Dotson, b. 7 April 1898. She m. William Ellis White 20 Aug 1914 in Tyler Co. He was b. 7 March 1884 in Marion Co., d. 20 June 1958. Son of Zaddock White and Mary A Weekley. She died at Salem, Harrison Co. Parents of four children:

1.- Samuel Glenn White, b. 4 June 1915, Dodd. Co. He m. 7 April 1937, Edna Ethel Pauley. They had;

(1) Janice Sue White, b. 6 April 1938. She m. 21 Oct 1955, Gerald Moore, b. 4 June 1915. They had, Janice Sue Moore and one more girl and one boy.

(2) Glenneth Jean White, b. 4 March 1940, m. 6 Aug 1960, Darrell Elkins. They have Shawn and Stacy.

(3) Jerry White, b. 8 Sept 1943, m. Jaunita McAllister. They have two boys and one girl.

(4) Jackie Dale White, b. 3 Sept 1946, on 2 Oct 1965, m. Mary Weimer. They had three children. No other information.

(5) Jerry Allen White, b. 23 Oct 1957. Not married.

2.- Elmer Richard White, b. 27 Dec 1917, Wetzel Co. He m. (3) May 1937, Thelma Louise Craft. They had;

(1) Richard White, b. 8 April 1942; d. July 1942

(2) Diana Ruth White, b. 17 Nov 1946, m. Harman Diller, lives N. Y.

(3) Sherry Lynn White, b. 12 Nov 1948, m. Lester Smith. They have Brice Smith.

3.- Helen Lucille White, b. 4 Sept 1924, Lincoln Co.

4.- Arthur Wayne White, b. 4 Sept 1924, Lincoln Co. He m. Romaine Tiffree. They had;

(1) Marcia White, b. April; d. April

(2) James Junior White, b. 12 May 1948

(3) William Curtis White, b. 7 Feb 1950. He is m. and has a boy and girl, lives in Michigan

(4) Teresa White, m. 1976, Ralph Tudoe. Has a boy and girl.

b.- Eddie Bruce Dotson, b. 18 Dec 1899, m. 11 Sept 1920, Alta Nutter, b. 22 Feb 1899; d. 25 June 1953. Two children:

1.- Edith Grace Dotson, b. 5 May 1922, Harrison Co., deceased.

2.- Archie Franklin Dotson, b. 19 Feb 1924; d. 20 Nov 1926, Harrison Co.

c.- Ray Dotson (twin), b. 24 Jan 1903. He m. (1) Rosa Bell Gray (parents; Raleigh Gray, Dorcas Ferree), m.(2)_____, m.(3)_____McBee from Cleveland, Ohio.

1.- (By spouse No. 1)...Luriel Blaine Dotson, b. 13 Nov 1925

2.- (By spouse No. 3)...Millie Dotson

3.- (By spouse No. 3)...Maxine Dotson

4.- (By spouse No. 3)...Lucille Dotson

d.- Kathleen Dotson, b. 21 Sept 1905. She m. Bert Briggs. He d. They had six children, live in Elgin, Okla.

e.- Esther Dotson, b. 30 June 1908, d. 4 Feb 1972. She m. Delbert Nutter, b. 12 Jan 1906 in Gilmer Co. Four children:

1.- Wesley Bruce Nutter, b. 7 Aug 1928, m. Avis Crutchfield, b. 4 Aug 1928. No children.

2.- Harold Edward Nutter, b. 7 Sept 1931, m. Clara Jane Green, b. 12 Jan 1933.

3.- Thurman Ray Nutter, b. 22 May 1940, m. (1) Betty Lou Morrison, b. 18 March 1943 and m. (2) Alice Wood, Oct 1972.

4.- Karen Rae Nutter, b. Sept 1946.

f.- Mabel Virginia Dotson, b. 5 Sept 1911. She m. (1) ____ Tichnor, m. (2) ____ Kiser. Lives in Columbus, Ohio. Adopted one boy and one girl.

g.- Olie Claud Dotson (twin), b. 4 March 1914, m. (1) Faye Brown (died), m. (2) Ina _____. No children. Lives Columbus, Ohio.

h.- Goldie Dotson (twin), b. 4 March 1914, m. (1) Carl Walker, m. (2) ____ Palmer and m. (3) Carl Oihler. Six children. No names.

i.- Pauline Dotson, b. 17 Nov 1916. She m. (1) 26 Dec 1934 Berlin Knight (dead), six children. She m. (2) Bert Townsend. No children.

1.- Dale Lee Knight, b. 21 March 1938 (grandson of Mortimer Dotson), m. 18 July 1955, Norma Lee Cyphers, b. 19 Sept 1938 (granddaughter of Daisy Mae Dotson). They had;

(1) Katrina Knight, b. 13 Aug 1958, m. and divorced. Dale and Norma adopted the child Chad

(2) Paula Knight, b. 5 July 1960

(3) Rodney Knight, b. 17 Sept 1961

(4) Brenda Knight, b. 3 Sept 1962

(5) Chad Lee Knight, b. 26 March 1976

2.- David Carl Knight, b. 17 May 1936, m. 27 Nov 1959, Constance Audia, b. 1938. They had

(1) Timothy Knight, b. 1967

(2) Brian Knight, b. 1971

3.- Francis Eugene Knight, b. 18 Feb 1940, m. Sharon Ann Tennant, b. 4 Nov 1942. They had;

(1) Tamela Knight, b. 6 Sept 1961

(2) Rhonda Knight, b. 7 Oct 1962

4.- Gary Lynn Knight, b. 23 Jan 1943, on 1 April 1961, m. Margaret Ann Bennett, b. May 1944.

5.- Edwin Lewis Knight, b. 7 June 1952, on 5 Dec 1971, m. (1) Woody Lee Weekley. Divorced. On 22 Dec 1973 he m. (2) Savrena Davisson. They had;

(1) Robert Lewis Knight, b. 2 July 1974.

He divorced her in 1977. On 10 Nov 1980 he m. (3) Martha Ann Davis.

6.- Michael Allen Knight, b. 6 Dec 1955. He m. Brenda Jo Barnes, b. 6 Nov 1956. One child, Wesley Michael Knight.

j.- Eva Pearl Dotson, b. 7 March 1920, Doddridge Co. On 26 July 1941 she m. Raymond Earl George, b. 25 Jan 1918, d. 24 Oct 1971. He was son of John Wesley George and Margurite Glenn. Two children:

1.- Kenneth Ray George, b. 9 Sept 1946 at Clarksburg. On 7 Aug 1970 he m. Elizabeth Ann Curtiss from South Dakota. They have

(1) Marie Ann George, b. 5 March 1952, Edmond, Okla.

(2) Kevin Michael George, b. 4 Feb 1974, Edmond, Okla.

2.- Brenda Kay George, b. 5 March 1952, Harrison Co.

k.- Helen Lorene Dotson, b. 30 Sept 1922, m. (1) Varner Paul (Jack) Davis, who d. 11 Jan 1980. She m. (2)____ Gihler. She has six children. Names not known.

5.- Cyrus H. Dotson, b. 6 June 1878, Ritchie Co. He m. Sivina Nancy Ann Swiger.

Mrs. Gladly Pearl Cyphers Wilson: "They think he was murdered. My mother (Daisy Mae Dotson) always told me he worked as a watchman on the railroad and kept the children together after grandma (Victoria) and grandpa (Jason Dotson) died, He was found near a tunnel and left on the tracks (supposedly thinking to be run over by a train but was found). Mother was small. The children were put in homes. Some of her family she had not seen for 28 years when I was old enough to understand. She was treated as a slave by a family called Bates. When very, very young met my dad and married. My mother was near 15 years old when my sister (Thelma Lydia) was born.

You can see we had no contact with the Dotson family except one aunt (Lydia) who married an Ash, and didn't live too far away. Mr. Mon Bates raised my mother in Doddridge County, I think it was called Broad Run (Dotson Run)."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Dodd. McClellan Dist 5 24 13 35:

Dotson, Cyrus H	W	April 1879	21	WV
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Levina (Sivina) N	W	1883	17	WV
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Cyrus H. Dotson had two children:

a.- Elsie Dotson, m. Addie Jacob Swiger, lived at Centerpoint, WV.

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0031 0128

Datson Elsie	SD 09	WV WV
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enumerated with Swiger William H W

No other information.

b.- Cyrus Dotson, Junior.

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0031 0128

Datson Cyrus	SS 07	WV WV
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enumerated with Swiger William H W

No other information.

6.- Benjamin Franklin Dotson, b. 9 March 1881, Tyler Co., d. 5 Jan 1929. He m. 19 Nov 1898, Nettie Ann Ferreeb, b. 4 Dec 1881 in Wetzel Co., d. 22 Oct 1946.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: 6 24 12 9 Dodd McClelland Dist.

Dotson, Benjamin F	W	March 1880	20	WV
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Nettie	Wife	Dec 1882	17	WV
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From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0031 01132

Datson Frank	H W	29	WV WV
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Nettie	W	27	WV
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Olive	D	08	WV
Clarence	S	03	WV

Parents of eight children:

a.- Harry Clinton Dotson, b. 30 Nov 1900, d. 14 Jan 1901.

b.- Claire Olive Dotson, b. 15 Jan 1902, d. 3 Nov 1977. On 26 April 1946 she m. Fredrick J. Toenes, who d. 23 Dec 1967. She was a registered nurse-graduated 1928 from Mason Hosp. She was employed at Cleveland General Hosp.

"In loving memory of Claire Olive Dotson Toenes, date of birth, Jan 15, 1902; date of death, Nov 3, 1977; Place and time of services, Center Point Christian Church, Sun. Nov 6 at 2:00 p. m.; Clergyman, Rev. Howard Ellifritz; place of interment, Center Point Cemetery."

c.- Orval Dotson, b. & d. 15 Aug 1904.

d.- Clarence Orval Dotson, b. 21 Feb 1907.

e.- Arleigh Gene Dotson, b. 8 Sept 1910, m. Angeline Pitts (widow). Her first husband was Cecil Carroll. They had a dau.;

1.- Catherine Carroll who m. Paul Baker.

f.- Reginald Darrell Dotson, b. 28 June 1916, m., but no information.

g.- Beverley Gravstark Dotson, b. & d. 6 March 1919.

7.- Lydia Ann Dotson b. 19 July 1883, d. 4 Dec 1956, Ashley, W. Va. On 7 Nov 1903 she m. Lattie Othello Ash, b. 6 July 1876 in Dodd. Co., d. 15 Oct 1949. Ashley, son of William Ash and Nancy Swiger. Both buried Underwood Cemetery, Ashley.

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Doddridge McClellan Dist 5 24 15 26

Dotson Lydia W July 1883 16 WV

Enumerated with Ash Alvey; Servant

Parents of six children: "WEST UNION, Oct 15- Lattie O. Ash, 73 of Ashley Dodd. Co. died at 2 a.m. today at his home following an extended illness. He was a farmer and life long resident of that community. Born July 6, 1876, in Dodd. Co., he was a son of William and Nancy Swiger Ash.

Mr. Ash, m. Lydia Anne Dotson, Nov 7, 1903 who survives, with the following children: Haskell and Maynard, both of Ashley; Brooks of Chester; Mrs. Merle Pratt of Follansbee; Mrs. Eleanor Rollins of Baltimore, Md.; and Miss Leone Ash at home. One sister, Mrs. Alta Yeater of Akron, Ohio, also survive."

a.- Haskell Harold Ash, b. 23 Aug 1904, Ashley, d. 23 March 1973 Wood Co. Buried Ashley. Never married.

b.- Daisy Merle Ash, b. 3 Dec 1906 at Ashley, d. 10 Oct 1958 at Ashley. She m. 21 Sept 1931, Orval J. Pratt, b. ca. 1912. Merle divorced Orval. No other information.

c.- Gladys Leone Ash, b. 7 Oct 1912, d. 12 June 1955. Never married.

d.- Maynard L. Ash, b. 23 March 1914, m. Eileen M. Harbert, 23 Oct 1964. She dau. of Leroy Frank Harbert and Clara Ash. No children.

e.- N. Eleanor Ash, b. 31 July 1916, d. 7 June 1942 at Ashley, buried Ashley. She m. Ralph K. Rollins. She was his 2nd wife. Ralph K. Rollins had children by spouse No. 1. She died and his No. 2 spouse reared the children.

f.- Carl Brooks Ash, b. 12 June 1918, Ashley. On 21 May 1939 he m. Zella Bates. One child:

1.- Dorris Ann Ash, m. Arnim Dudgeon. They had

(1) Arnin Dale Dudgeon

(2) Dena Jane Dudgeon

8.- Sarah (Mary) Catherine Dotson, b. 16 April 1885 in Ritchie Co. She d. at Bristol, WV. She m. David Bee Wetzel.

From the 1910 census of WV; Doddridge County, Grant Dist.:

Wetzel, Sara C.	FW	25	W	m. 8 yr. 5 child.none dead	WV
David F	MW	36	H	Oil field worker	WV
Georgie P	FW	8	D		WV
Jesse M	FW	5	D		WV
Edward P	MW	4	S		WV
Lexie L	FW	3	D		WV
Ruby E	FW	1 1/4	D		WV
Dotson Nina	FW	17	Sister		WV
Bijah N	MW	21*	Bro.	Oil field worker, single	WV

*should be 22

Parents of six children:

a.- Edward Wetzel, m. Frances _____. Nutter Fort, WV.

b.- Ruby Wetzel, m. Gilbert Davidson. Still living 1992, Lumberport, WV.

c.- Lexie Wetzel Viola, Lives Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

d.- Madeline Wetzel m. Ernest Wines, 27 Dec 1907. She d. 26 Sept 1968 in Florida. Buried Harrison Co. No other information.

e.- Jessie Wetzel Klien. d. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

f.- Georgie Wetzel. d. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

9.- Daisy Mae Dotson, b. Ritchie Co., 4 April 1888, d. Fairmont W.Va., She m. 16 Aug 1902, Wetzel Co., Guy William Cyphers. He was b. 24 Dec 1882, Wetzel Co., d. 7 May 1963, Fairmont, buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Fairmont. He was a son of John Melcher Cyphers and Susan Cordelia Bonnell.

From the 1900 census of WV; Doddridge County McClellan Dist.:

Bates Emanuel	WM		Sept 1838	61	Widower	
Baker Melissa	WF	D	Dec 1867	33	widow	WV
Jim	WM	GS	Nov 1897	2		WV
Dotson, Daisy	WF	Servant	April 1887	13		WV

Daisy Mae Dotson Cypher's will left everything to Guy William Cyphers. Guy William Cypher's will left everything to Daisy Mae Dotson Cyphers. She was a midwife. The following by her daughter Gladys, "Mother's first midwife license was issued 23 Aug 1929, and last license was issued 15 Jan 1952. (Wetzel Co.) She never renewed her license after that for 1961. She delivered dozens of babies before she got her license and after I married, I saw that she got license, for this was too risky without; besides she wasn't able to walk miles to do this and Dad always went and stayed with her and she never got paid after she got her license. She delivered 66 babies. I have a list of all of them. Gladys"

They were the parents of 13 children:

a.- Thelma Lydia Cyphers, b. 21 April 1903, Archer, W. Va., d. 6 Feb 1915 buried Mt. Zion, Wetzel Co. Died with Typhoid Fever. Had an enlarged spleen but doctor knew nothing about at this time, so she developed Typhoid and died.

b.- Gladys Pearl Cyphers, b. 19 Feb 1905 at Archer, W. Va. She m. 21 March 1923 at New Martinsville, Perry Elmer Wilson, b. 5 Sept 1902 at Reader, Wetzel Co. He d. 19 July 1961 at Fairmont. Buried Woodlawn Cem., Fairmont. He was son of Asa Frank Wilson and Emma Levads Shepherd. (Gladys has furnished part of the information of the family Jason Dotson and Viola Victoria Hull).

She worked eight years as a deputy in the Sheriff's office (Tax Dept.).

The following letter, which was placed in the newspaper, tells the story of their lives: "MOUNTAIN STATE ARTIFICIAL LIMB CO.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS.

During World War I, Perry E. Wilson, being too young for the service of Uncle Sam, was hired as a brakeman by Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co. He was called out on an extra run on the Short Line to Clarksburg and Jimmie Carroll from Bellview, Fairmont was his engineer. At Hartzel, a stop near Wallace where the engines took on water, which was on of Perry's jobs, he was pulled off the top of the engine accidentally and run over cutting off both legs, one above the knee and one below the knee. In less than one year he was fitted with a pair of artificial limbs and walking with only the aid of a cane. Soon he wasn't even using a cane. He met and married a school teacher from Smithfield, West Virginia, who continued to teach while he became an apprentice, to learn the artificial limb trade under three brothers, A. T. Roley, J. F. Roley and E. H. Roley, all of Pittsburgh, Pa. He helped to operate their shops in Canton, Ohio, Youngstown, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois. Later Perry worked for a company in Philadelphia.

In the year 1929, Perry opened his own shop in Clarksburg, W. Va. on Clark Street, conveniently located for amputees from the railroad station and the terminal. In the year 1932, Perry E. Wilson and his wife decided to move the shop to Fairmont, W. Va. Our first location was across from the Miller School House on Pennsylvania Ave.; time was hard and no one had much money. Finally we rented a house on Pennsylvania Ave. across from Pitrolo's Grocery, which is now torn down, and had the limb shop in the front of the building. Later we rented a house on Market Street on the East side and had our shop there. Then we moved to what we thought was a better location on Merchant Street.

From here, Mr. Wilson, rented a building at 1601 Speedway, Fairmont, W. Va. where he had five men employed. On June 1st. Mr. Wilson took a partner into the business, Angelo A. Arcuri of Fairmont, W. Va. In the meantime another shop was established in Johnstown, Pa., 302 Park Bldg. in 1955 under the same name and ownership. The partners agreed to dissolve partnership and Mr. Arcuri took over the Johnstown shop under certain agreements, mainly the Mountain State Artificial Limb Shop in Fairmont was to measure, fit and construct the limbs for the Johnstown shop and they were to retain the original name of Mountain State Artificial Limb Co. for a percentage of the selling price. Thus they became two separate shops.

On January 1, 1956, Perry E. Wilson and wife purchased property on State Route 19 in Fairmont, the present location 1536 Pennsylvania Ave., Fairmont, W. Va. Most of the time 5 people were employed at the shop. Many hundred legs and arms were manufactured

in this shop besides braces. Orthopedic appliances, wheel chairs, and surgical appliances. Contracts were had with the State Rehabilitation, Veterans, United Mine Workers, State Compensation, Department of Welfare, Crippled Children and Adults, and many personal cases.

Mr. Perry E. Wilson was a very devout Christian and spent much time in the service of the Lord. He was a member of the Church of Christ at Washington Street which later built a new building on Oakwood Road. He was very concerned with the work of the Lord. While leading song service at Bible Study on July 19, 1961, he had a coronary and passed away. His wife was a constant helper in the shop, so with the help of her brother, Berkley Cyphers whom Perry had trained to do this work, she was able to keep the shop open and service the customers.

Perry will soon be gone 16 years and I am an elderly lady retiring. I am selling to a new owner, Gerald K. Lett, who has the Lett Orthopedic Industries, Inc., Clarksburg, W. Va. He is certified Orthodist and Prosthetist, very efficient in his work with several years of experience. I am sure Mr. Lett will continue to take good care of my customers and as Mr. Cyphers will still be with him I'm sure my old customers, whom I consider one big family, will give him the same loyal support in the future that they have given me in the past. Sincerely, Mrs. Perry E. Wilson (Gladys Pearl Cyphers Wilson)."

"I have a very thriving business, when my health got bad, I had to sell."

"Drs. found a growth on my pelvic bone that prevented carrying of children. Mother being a licensed midwife kept me in bed and had these two, but were injured at birth."

There were nine premature births. Parents of two children:

1.- Arnold Jerome Wilson, b. 2 Jan 1924, Reader, WV. Injured at birth and never walked.

2.- James Francis Wilson, b. & d. 2 Aug 1939, Fairmont, WV. Buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Fairmont.

c.- Eugene Cyphers, b. 13 May 1906, Archer, Wetzel Co., d. 4 Aug 1976, New Martinsville, buried Woodlawn Cemetery. He m. (1) Velvia Violet Edgell, 26 Aug 1933. She was b. 8 Dec 1912 at Folsom, d. 12 Nov 1968, Marion Co. Buried Woodlawn Cemetery. Dau. of Vincent R. Edgell and Effa Cora Bates.

He m. (2) Bertha Ione Gross (widow), 5 Oct 1970 at Paden City. She b. 30 Sept 1899, d. 19 Nov 1972, Wheeling Hosp. Buried Paden City. Dau. of Elisha Gross and Susan Castro. He m. (3) Pearl Genevieve Heslop, 28 April 1973 at New Martinsville. She b. 8 Nov 1923. He d. with Black Lung. Several step-children by wives No. 2 and No. 3.

d.- John Melcher Cyphers, b. 5 Sept 1907, Archer's Fork, Wetzel Co.,

He m. (1) Myrtle Emma Talkington, 15 June 1928 at Clarksburg. She b. 30 April 1907, Wetzel Co., d. 7 Aug 1979, bur., Harrison Co. Dau. of James Talkington and Mae Edgell. He was a glass worker. She was a nurse. Both members Church of Christ. Divorced. He m. (2) Rilla Talbot Flesher, 9 Oct 1971, Winchester, Va. She b. Jan 1920. Mother, Ida Roby. There were two step-children; John Flesher and Jim Flesher.

By wife No. 1, they had three children:

1.- William James Cyphers, b. 16 Sept 1929, Harrison Co. He m. (1) Geraldine Gaynor. No children. Divorced. He m (2) Thelma Knotts. Divorced. Two children: Debbie Cyphers and William Cyphers. He m. (3) _____Hickman.

2.- Betty Louise Cyphers, b. 1932, m. (1) Robert Lough. Two children; Phyllis

Lough and Johnnie Philip Lough. She m. (2) Buck Smith.

3.- Betty Sue Cyphers, b. 31 Aug 1939, m. James Nolan, Jr. Son of James Nolan and Violet Haymond. They have three children. No other information.

e.- Kenneth Reed Cyphers, b. 6 May 1909, Archer, Wetzel Co., d. 21 Oct 1930, Smithfield, Wetzel Co. Buried Mt. Zion Cem., Wetzel Co. Suicide.

f.- Wilda Virginia Cyphers, b. 29 Aug 1911, d. 2 Oct 1912. Buried Mt. Zion Cem., Wetzel Co. she d. of Plural Pneumonia. Mother had taken her to Hosp., New Martinsville and coming back when she got off the train in Smithfield, she died in mother's arms.

g.- Berkeley (twin) Cyphers, b. 25 Sept 1913, Wetzel Co., d. 22 Sept 1978, Veterans Hosp., Harrison Co. Buried Woodlawn Cem., Marion Co. He m. (1) Claudia Gerber, 14 Feb 1936. She b. 15 April 1895, d. 17 Jan 1974, bur., Woodlawn Cem., Fairmont. Dau. of Jacob A. Gerber and Louisa C. Wilking. No children. He m. (2) Sadie Moosey Lawson, 31 July 1976 in Marion Co. She b. 15 March 1907, dau. of Toni Moosey and Bess Johns. Two step-children:

1.- William J. Lawson, b. 12 March 1931, m. Carolyn Conley. He is Doctor Naval Hosp., Ca. They have (1) Kimberly Ann Lawson, b. 28 Feb 1957, Wood Co. and (2) Bradley James Conley, b. 18 Sept 1960

2.- Roger Lawson, b. 20 Oct 1943, m. Mary Stanley, b. 8 Dec 1945, dau. of Fredrick Warren Stanley and Mariam Cohn. He is a professor in Detroit. They had

(1) David William Lawson, b. 25 March 1970

(2) Jonathan Lewis Lawson, b. 24 April 1973 and (3) Elizabeth Kate Lawson, b. 6 March 1975.

h.- Franklin (twin) Cyphers, b. 25 Sept 1913, Archer's fork, m. 24 June 1936, Bell Adams, b. 16 June 1918, dau., Perry Adams and Rosa Slider. Foreman at May Bros. Cement and Builders Supply. Now retired (1981). Parents two children:

1.- Janet Ruth Cyphers, b. 7 April 1937, Wetzel Co., m. 5 Feb 1964 at Oakland Md., Robert Coffman. She was his second wife. He son of Russell Coffman and Kenice Dawson. Three step-daughters by first wife. They have

(1) Robert A. Coffman, b. 11 Feb 1969.

2.- Ronald Allen Cyphers, b. 25 Aug 1940, Wetzel Co. He m. Diama Shell, b. Garden City, Kansas. They have

(1) Amber L. Lynn Cyphers

(2) Walter Franklin Cyphers

(3) foster child...Raymond Miller

i.- Guy Emmett Cyphers, b. 8 Feb 1916, Wetzel Co., m. (1) 25 Sept 1937, Martha June Frum, b. 1918, dau. Delbert Frum and Lottie Shreves. They were divorced 28 May 1959. Two children:

1.- Norma Lee Cyphers, b. 19 Sept 1938, m. 18 July 1957, Dale Knight, b. 21 March 1938, son of Berlin Carl Knight and Pauline Effie Dotson. Norma and Dale 2nd cousins. They had;

(1) Katrina Kay Knight, b. 13 Aug 1958, m. 14 Aug 1975, Arthur Allen Bundy. Div. 21 May 1976. One child, Chad Bundy, b. 26 March 1976, adopted by Dale & Norma Lee Knight

(2) Paula Knight, b. 5 July 1960

(3) Rodney Knight, b. 12 Sept 1961

(4) Brenda Knight, b. 3 Sept 1962

(5) Chad Knight, adopted. See (1), above.

2.- Carl Eugene Cyphers, b. 14 Feb 1941, d. 9 July 1961. Killed in auto accident.

Guy Emmett Cyphers was m. (2) and m. (3). Its so mixed up I (Gladys Cyphers) can't figure it out. The family group record shows, Kathleen Guynall Nutter, dau. of Guy Emmitt Cyphers and Clara Nutter.

j.- Paul Bryan Cyphers, b. 13 March 1917, d. 27 March 1917.

k.- Gilbert Odin Cyphers, b. 4 Dec 1918, Harrison Co., m. 29 July 1944, in Australia, Joan Sylvia Mullens, b. 9 July 1925 in Queensland, Australia. She dau. of James Francis Mullens and Irene Dora Ellen Edlundh. They had two children:

1.- Richard Alan Cyphers, b. Feb 1945, Australia. He m. 16 July 1966, Hawaii, Marie Mahuna, b. 26 Aug 1944, Maui, Hawaii. Dau. of Solomon Mahuna and Henrietta Ken Hai. Parents own a pineapple plantation. Mother operates a store. They have:

(1) Carla Mae Cyphers, b. 9 Dec 1966, Norfolk, Va.

(2) Shelly Paulani Cyphers, b. 7 Dec 1967, Portsmouth, Va.

(3) Richard Alan (Ricky) Cyphers, b. 30 Jan 1969, Portsmouth, Va.

(4) Lauren Kay Cyphers, b. 29 Dec 1969, Maui, Hawaii.

2.- James William Cyphers, b. 28 May 1947. single.

l. Carl Adolph Cyphers, b. 31 Dec 1903, Wetzel Co., d. 31 Dec 1923. Buried Mt. Zion, Tyler Co.

m.- Infant Cyphers, b. 1924. Premature.

10.- Bijah Nelson Dotson, b. 15 Feb 1888, Ritchie Co., d. 26 Dec 1972, Ashley, W. Va., buried Cedar Grove Cemetery. He m. 3 Sept 1922, at Morgansville, W. Va., Susan Mae Anderson, b. Doddridge Co. she is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Dau. of George Washington Anderson and Rachel Bird Swiger. Parents of four children:

a.- Robert Nelson Dotson, b. 1 Sept 1923, m. 15 Oct 1942, Marcine Glover. He d. 1 May 1955. One child:

1.- Nelsa Jean Dotson, b. 11 Aug 1955.

b.- Ruby Beatrice Dotson, b. 25 Sept. 1924, m. 27 Nov 1943, Orval Thoburn Ferree, b. 2 June 1918. Two children;

1.- Robert Orval Ferree, b. 2 Aug 1945, m. June 1970, Johnnie Belinda Lipscomb. They had (1) Robert Nelson Ferree, b. 24 Oct 1971 and (2) Jason Scott Ferree, b. 7 Aug 1973.

2.- Mary Kay Ferree, b. 18 June 1955.

c.- Viola Bird Dotson, b. 28 Oct 1927, m. 1 July 1950, Galford Glenn Wadsworth, b. 20 March 1911, son of George J. Wadsworth and Ada Leota Weekley. She was his second wife.:

He m. (1) Mary Wadsworth; divorced. He had son by wife No. 1 and dau. by Viola Bird Dotson.

1.- Galford Glenn Wadsworth, Jr. (by 1st wife), b. 17 Aug 1933, Reading, PA; m. 29 Oct 1967, Rada Elenor Hendershot at New Martinsville, WV. She born 23 Sept 1940, Wetzel County. They have

(1) Steven Glenn Wadsworth, b. 7 Feb 1964, Wetzel Co.

2.- Judy Evangeline Wadsworth, b. 26 Feb 1952, m. 4 March 1972, Samuel Ross

Highley. They have:

(1) Kevin Highley, b. Feb 16 1973

(2) Randy Highley, b. Feb 5, 1974

d.- Clarence Carson Dotson, b. & d. 27 April 1931

11.- Nina Ethel Dotson, b. 11 July 1893 in Ritchie Co., d. 23 June 1954, buried Cherry Camp Run Cemetery. She m. (1) David Bee Wetzel. David Bee Wetzel was husband of Sarah (Mary) Catherine Dotson (sister to Nina Ethel Dotson) who had made her home with them for years. When she died shortly following the birth of her last baby and it died also (both are buried in the same casket). After a period of time, fearing what people would say, they decided to marry. He had some small children. Four children were born to this union:

a.- Mildred Lydia Wetzel b. 3 Sept 1910 Harrison Co. m. Ralph Waldo Griffith; d. 3 Dec 1967, bur. Stonewall Park Cemetery Stonewood, WV. Mildred had the following children;

1.- Barbera Mihaliak Stonewood, WV

2.- Donna Oldroyd Stonewood, WV

3.- David Griffith Hampton, VA

4.- Jerry Griffith Baltic, OH

b.- Leon Osburn Wetzel, b. 2 April 1918, d. 9 April 1974, University Hospital, Morgantown. Cardiac Arrest. Buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Clarksburg. He m. Clara Mayle. No children.

c.- Noreen Wetzel. b. ca. 1921 Single. No other information.

d.- Lyvonne Wetzel. b. ca. 1921/1922. Went to Baltimore.

11.- Nina Ethel Dotson, m. (2) Raleigh Wilson. He had a dau. by previous marriage. They had three children:

e.- Joe Wilson. No other information.

f.- Ralph Wilson. No other information.

g.- Audra Wilson. No other information.

h.- Janette Wilson, b. 11 July 1916, d. 20 April 1978. Buried Sand Run Cemetery, Buckhannon. She m. ____ Woodsen. She was a dau. of Raleigh's before he m. Nina Ethel Dotson Wilson.

12.- Sadie Hazel Dotson, b. 18 Jan 1896, Ritchie Co., d. Jan 18, 1896. Lived a few days and died...Grandma Dotson died of what was called, at that time, Child Bed Fever. She died January 18, 1896 and both she and the baby buried in the same casket. Grandpa Jason died Sept 19, 1896. All three are buried in the Buck Run Cemetery. In 1981, Mrs. Gladys Pearl Cyphers Wilson placed a monument at their graves.

At the same time, she placed the Revolutionary War Monument to Richard Dotson's grave which is in Arnold Creek Cemetery, Doddridge Co., WV. (Photo Chapter 4)

CHAPTER XIV-12
LAWSON DOTSON

Lawson Dotson, son of Thomas Dotson, Sr. and Eliza Dotson, was born on Buck Run in 1848. He married Delila Dotson, born 1847. She was a daughter of Robert Dotson and Catherine "Katy" Thomas. They were second cousins, Robert being a son of Emanuel, Sr. and Mary Redick ("Aunt Polly"). Thomas Dotson, Sr. was a half brother of Emanuel Dotson, Sr., both being sons of Richard Dotson, Sr.

In the 1880 census of Ritchie County, Lawson, 32, enumerated in the household of his mother Elizabeth Dotson; Delila, 32, and her daughter Versena, 3, in the house-hold of Delila's parents Robert and Catherine Thomas Dotson.

This marriage in Ritchie County: "9 Nov 1883... Lawson Dotson... age 34... b. Ritchie... m. Delila A. Dotson... age 35... b. Ritchie."

From the 1900 census soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist. 30 86 8 88:

Dotson Lawson W Feb 1849 51 WV

Delia M W May 1848 52 WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV; Tyler 045 0094 0082:

Dotson Lawson U W 62 WV WV

Enumerated with Elifritz Bernard H W (note U = uncle)

They resided on Buck Run. In the Buck Run Cemetery: LAWSON DOTSON... 1848-1918. DELILIA, his wife... 1847-1903.

Parents of one daughter:

a.- Vercina Dotson, b. Aug 1876, m. Tom Richards.

This marriage in Ritchie County; "10 August 1893... Thomas R. Richards... age 20... b. Ritchie... resident Doddridge... m. Versena Dotson... age 16... b. Ritchie."

From the 1900 soundex of WV; Ritchie Clay Dist. 30 86 7 5:

Richards, Thomas W April 1876 24 WV

Berthena (Vercina) W Aug 1876 23 WV

Ella (Effie) D Sept 1894 5 WV

Gilbert S Feb 1897 3 WV

Silvy D June 1899 11/12 WV

From the 1910 census soundex WV; Doddridge 007 0029 0114 R263:

Richards Thomas H W 37 WV WV

Versena W 33 WV

Effie D 16 WV

Silva D 13 WV

Gilbert S 14 WV

Vina D 04 WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Dodd. Co. 10 35 10 88:

Richards, Thomas W 48 WV

Versena W 44 WV

Effie M D 25 WV

Gilbert S 23 WV

Suvina C D 13 WV

Ethel B D 7 WV

William E S 7 WV

Raymond H S 2 WV

Parents of seven children (from the foregoing census, the following obituaries for their son Raymond Harold Richards, and the Erman Ray Dotson 'family tree'):

- 1.- Effie Richards, b. Sept 1894
- 2.- Gilbert Richards, b. Feb 1897
- 3.- Silvia Richards, b. June 1899
- 4.- Vina Richards, b. ca. 1906
- 5.- Ethel B Richards, b. ca. 1913. m. Lipscomb
- 6.- Ether William Richards, b. ca. 1913
- 7.- Raymond Harold Richards, b. April 3, 1917

"WEST UNION...Raymond Harold Richards, 65, of Porter's Care Home, Parkersburg, died Sunday morning (9 Jan 1983) in St. Joseph's Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Doddridge County, April 3, 1917, the son of the late Thomas and Versena Dotson Richards. He attended the Stout United Methodist Church, Parkersburg.

Surviving are one sister, Ethel Lipscomb of Flemington, W.Va., one brother, Ether "Bill" Richards of Route #2 Walker; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Services will be Wednesday, 2 P.M. at the Spurgeon Home, West Union, with the Rev. Hayward Gribble, officiating. Burial will be in Stanley Cemetery, on Buckeye, Doddridge County."

and:

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Services will be Wednesday, 2 p. m. at the Spurgeon Funeral Home, West Union, with the Rev. Raymond Gribble officiating. Burial will be in Stanley Cemetery, on Buckeye, Doddridge County."

Notes: Chapter 14

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¹¹ *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980* (Ritchie Co. Historical Society, 1980), p. 110.

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¹³ Bertha Dotson Sellers, *The Dotson Family* (Unpublished 1974; typewritten copies placed in Ritchie Co. Library, Harrisville, W. Va. and Doddridge Co. Library, West Union, W. Va.), p. 32.

¹⁴ B. E. Hanes, *Doak Family History and Genealogy* (Clarksburg W. Va.: The Exponent Job Shop, 1931), p. 59.

Chapter XV

Ruth Dotson

Ruth Dotson, b. 1803. She was the first white child born in present day Central District, Doddridge County; from Hardesty; “a daughter of Richard and Millie Dotson”.¹

Ruth married James Cain. This marriage in Tyler County: “20 June 1822...James Cain and Ruth Dotson by John Drake.” They lived in the Greenwood, Central Station and Deep Valley areas of present day Doddridge and Tyler counties.

James Cain, husband of Ruth Dotson, was drafted at Hughes River, Harrison County., Va., 15 Aug 1814 for a term of six months and served in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. John Gozarth’s Command. (This is probably Bozarth’s). Attached to the Fifth Regiment Virginia Militia commanded by Lieut. Col. Isaac Booth, and honorably discharged at Fort Nelson on 11 Feb 1815 after having furnished a substitute to serve out the balance of his tour.

James Cain, b. 1777; d. 3 Feb 1853. Ruth is thought to have died before 1853, but she was living in 1850...”At the age of 73, James and Ruth lived in Tyler County, 10 Nov 1850 he executed a bounty claim in Ritchie County, W.Va.”

Letter of Byron B. Cain, written in the late 1970’s: “I might say that my grandfather was the first child of Ruth Dotson, born 27 May 1821, on Short Run, Deep Valley, W.Va. My grandfather went by the name of Dotson until all his fifteen children were grown and then changed his name to *Lorenzo Dow Cain*. He had a full brother named Zachariah Cain, born 20 Sept 1823. After James Cain, a *full blood* Indian married Ruth. Zachariah had a farm near St. Mary’s and also a tavern, called “The Cain House.” It sits on the bank of the Ohio river and is now known as the Masonic Temple at St. Mary’s. He is buried in the Cemetery next to the Court House. My father was named for Zachariah. I have written the Indian side of the family also. Those I have met are truly fine people. If you are interested in this unusual family, let me know.”

(Note...Byron Cain must have died after writing this letter. I (Barr Wilson) have written him several times, but have never received a reply).

From the 1840 census of Tyler County.

CAIN, JAMES...males, 1, 5 to 10; 1, 10 to 15; 2, 15 to 20; 1, 60 to 70.
females, 1, 5 to 10; 1, 10 to 15; 1, 15 to 20; 1, 30 to 40.; total 9 in family,
four boys and three girls. Proves that James Cain was born between 1770 and 1780 and that Ruth Dotson was born between 1800 and 1810.

From *The History of Ritchie County to 1980*,² page 74: “James Cain, b. in 1777 in Harrison County and married Ruth Dotson and settled at Greenwood, Doddridge County. Their children were; James, killed in the Civil War; Lorenzo of Deep Valley; Stacy; Polly who married a Johnson of Clarksburg; Silas who married Ellifritts of Doddridge County;

Amelia, wife of Joseph Diss Debar, designer of the State Seal of W.Va.; and Zack of St. Mary's owner of the "Cain House."

Parents of seven children:

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1.- Lorenzo Dow Cain, b. 1821 | Chapter XV-1 |
| 2.- Zachariah Cain, b. 1823 | XV-2 |
| 3.- "Polly" Cain, b. 1825 | XV-3 |
| 4.- Amelia Cain, b. 1825 to 1830 | XV-4 |
| 5.- Silas Cain, b. 1825 to 1830 | XV-5 |
| 6.- James Cain, b. 1832 | XV-6 |
| 7.- Stacy Cain, b. 1830 to 1835 | XV-7 |

CHAPTER XV-1.

LORENZO DOW CAIN.

Lorenzo Dow Cain, b. 27 May 1821; d. 29 Sept 1903. He m. Emzy Berry Hanes, 9 Nov 1843. Both members of Disciples of Christ (present day, Church of Christ). She b. 9 Aug 1827; d. 24 Nov 1906.

This marriage in Tyler County: "16 Nov 1843...Lorenzo Dotson and Emzy Hanes by Samuel Archibald." The name, Lorenzo Dotson, later changed to Lorenzo Cain.

Names appearing on deeds in Tyler County.: "Lorenzo Dotson and Emzy B. Dotson, 1877." Note; they were still using the name "Dotson" on this deed; on most other documents such as the 1860 census below, "Cain" was used.

From the 1860 census of VA; Tyler Co. North Bend Mill 876 876:

Lorenzo Cain	39	M	Farmer \$1500 500	VA
Emzy	32	F		VA
Edwin	15	M		VA
Nathan	13	M		VA
Zachariah	11	M		VA
Susan	7	F		VA
Oliver	7	M		VA
Floyd	5	M		VA
Leanora	3	F		VA

From Hardesty's encyclopedia of Tyler County...1883³: "LORENZO D. CAIN...was born May 27, 1821, in what is now Tyler Co., West Virginia. In Tyler County, November 9, 1843, he married Emzy B. Hanes, who was born in Tyler County, August 9, 1827. The record of their fifteen children is: Edwin, born November 4, 1884, lives in Doddridge County; Nathan, April 29, 1846, lives in Tyler Co.; Zachariah, May 18, 1848, lives in Doddridge County; Susan, Feb 18, 1850, lives in Taylor Co.; Aseneth, March 26, 1852, died Dec 11, 1852; Oliver J., Oct 2, 1853, lives in Tyler Co.; Floyd, Nov 10, 1855, lives in Nebraska; Lenore E., April 7, 1858, lives in Tyler Co.; Morris N., July 28, 1860, lives in Colorado; Beatrice F., Sept 21, 1862, lives in this Co.; Andrew J., March 28, 1865; Ida F., July 22.1867; Thomas A., Oct 12, 1870, these three living at home; Austin D., June 26, 1872, died Nov 10, 1872; Alva B., May 6, 1874, lives at home.

James Cain, father of Lorenzo D., was a soldier of the 1812 war, and d. in Doddridge

County, Feb 3, 1853. The mother of Lorenzo D. was Ruth Dotson before marriage. The mother of Mrs. Cain was born in Ohio in 1793 and died at her daughter's home, Jan 21, 1882, after four years suffering with cancer. She was a devoted Christian, in the membership of the Baptist church. Mrs. Cain's father was born in what is now W. Va., June 12, 1796; died in Harrison County, Sept 15, 1840. Mr. Cain and his wife are in the membership of the Disciples Church. Nathan and Priscilla (Nixon) Hanes were the parents of Emzy B., wife of Mr. Cain. James Cain, brother of Lorenzo D., was killed in 1861 war, at the battle of Floyd mountain. Oliver Hanes, brother of Mrs. Cain was in the same war. Lorenzo D. Cain owns and carries on a farm in Centerville District Tyler Co., with his post office address at Central Station, Doddridge County, West Virginia."

Parents of fifteen children:

1.- Edwin Cane, b. 4 Nov 1844; d. 26 July 1926; m. (1) Margaret L. Smith, 6 Aug 1872. Ten children:

a.- Lathrop "Lathe" Cain, b. 13 May 1873; m. Belle Elosia Williamson, 24 Sept 1916.

See page 77, *Doak Family*.⁴

b.- Albert Cain, b. 8 June 1876; d. 3 Oct 1904.

c.- Mattie Cain, b. 19 Feb 1879; d. 15 Jan 1939. She m. Laymond Lannon Holland.

d.- Georgie Cain, b. 21 Aug 1881; d. 15 Jan 1939.

e.- David Strickling Cain, b. 9 Sept 1884; m. (1) Lacy Bishop, 10 January 1909.

e.- David Strickling Cain, m. (2) Mary Rebecca Miller, b. 24 Dec 1865?. She d. Dec 1926.

f.- William Martin Cain, b. 5 April 1886; m. Stella Alfreda Heflin, 11 July 1921.

g.- Gilbert "Bert" Cain, b. 3 April 1888.

h.- James Rice Cain, b. 3 May 1890.

i.- Margie Cain, b. 1 Sept 1892; m. Charles Goontz, 23 Nov 1931.

j.- Alice Annie Cain, b. 26 Aug 1894; d. 11 Feb 1897.

2.- Nathan Cain, b. 29 April 1846; d. 22 Nov 1932; m. Elizabeth Freeman, 29 September 1875.

3.- Zachariah Cain, b. 18 May 1848; d. 9 Feb 1929; m. Drucilla Perthena Smith, 18 May, 1878. One child:

a.- Byron Bernard Cain, b. 31 Jan 1895; m. (1) Frances Lucille Shipman, 20 April 1918. m. (2) not given. Six children:

1.- Byren B. Cain, Jr.

2.- John Wallace Cain.

3.- Jane Drucilla Cain, m. J. J. Garry.

4.- Nancy Lucille Cain, m. Cleen Nesbitt.

5.- Jean Lee Cain, m. Chester Payne.

6.- Edna Mae Cain, m. J. P. Mitt

4.- Susan Columbia Cain, b. 18 Feb 1850; d. 17 May 1937; m. Napoleon Felopidus Marsh, 9 March 1872. Napoleon Marsh is a Collins descendant. For this family, see page 74 *Jacob Collins Sr. and Phebe Stuthard*.⁵

- 5.- Ascenth Cain, b. 26 March 1852; d. 11 Dec 1852.
- 6.- Olive J. Cain, b. 2 Oct 1853; d. 17 April 1936; m. Sarah Edith Ferree, 26 May 1861?
- 7.- Floyd Cain, b. 10 Nov 1855; d. 27 Jan 1934; m. Olive Bishop, 6 Nov 1890.
- 8.- Lenore Emmeline Cain, b. 7 April 1858; d. 1 Dec 1947; m. James Oliver Bishop, 7 Nov 1890. He d. 1 Jan 1918.
- 9.- Morris Nixon Cain, b. 28 July 1860; d. 14 May 1924; m. Alice Yelton.
- 10.- Beatrice Florida Cain, b. 2 Sept 1862; d. 27 Nov 1946; m. Albert Grimm, 22 Feb 1885.
- 11.- Andrew Jackson Cain, b. 28 March 1865; d. 23 Nov 1950; m. Rhuma Doak, 30 Dec 1894. See page 30, *Doak Family*.⁶ Two children:
a.- Ira B. Cain.
b.- Vonda C. Cain, m. Bert SeEVERS.
- 12.- Ida Priscilla Cain, b. 22 July 1867; d. 5 Jan 1957; m. William Benniger, 1 Aug 1907.
- 13.- Thomas Albert Cain, b. 12 Oct 1870; d. 28 March 1955; m. Martha Rose.
- 14.- Austin Delbert Cain, b. 26 June 1872; d. 10 Dec 1872.
- 15.- Alva Baxter Cain, b. 6 May 1874; d. 19 Jan 1896.

CHAPTER XV-2.
ZACHARIAH CAIN.

Zachariah Cain, b. 20 Sept 1823. He had a farm near St. Mary's and also a tavern, called, "The Cain House." It sits on the bank of the Ohio river and is now known as the "Masonic Temple." He is buried in the Cemetery next to the Court House.

From the 1860 census of VA; Pleasants Co. Dist No. 2, St Marys 510 510

Z Cain	36	M	Innkeeper RE \$2000 Per \$400 VA
Susanna	34	F	VA
Lorenzo D	12	M	VA
Samantha	11	F	VA
Alice	5	F	VA
Eliza	3	F	VA
James	1	M	VA
Four boarders			

From the 1870 census of WV; Pleasants Co. Washington Township St Marys Dw1 40
Fam 40:

Cain	Zack	45	M W	Hotel RE \$4000 per \$1000	VA
	Susan	43	F W		VA
	Allice	14	F W	att. sch	VA
	Elisise	12	F W	att. sch.	VA
	James	11	M W	att. sch.	VA

one boarder

Known children are listed in foregoing censuses. No other information.

CHAPTER XV-3

“POLLY” CAIN.

“Polly” Cain, b. 1825; m. ___ Johnson.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge Co: (Whether this is “Polly” or not, we do not know. She is the same age as “Polly.”)

Johnson, John (farmer)	born in Pennsylvania	age 28 years.
Elizabeth	born in Virginia	23
Benjamin		3
Mary		8 months.

The foregoing census was taken 2 Oct 1850. The names of families, seen by the census taker on this date, were on Middle Island, below Crystal Lake.

From the 1880 census of VA; Doddridge Co., 119 011:

Johnston, Elizabeth (w)	WF	55	Keeping house	V A P A V A
Joseph	WM	26	Son Farmer	V A V A V A
Glover, Martha (w)	WF	21	Dau	V A V A V A
Yeater, Mary E	WF	6	Niece	V A V A V A

In this census Elizabeth again same age as Polly, and therefore concluded to be Elizabeth “Polly” Cain.

CHAPTER XV-4.

AMELIA CAIN.

Amelia Cain, b. 1825 to 1830. She became the second wife of Joseph Diss DeBar, Designer of the State Seal of W.Va.

From the *History of Doddridge County*, page 37: (A few sentences from this lengthy account).

“Soon after his arrival there (Cincinnati), he m. a Frenchwoman, Clara Lavassor.” ...”do certify that Amelia Diss Debar (He was married twice) whose name is signed to the writing above...appeared before us in County aforesaid and being examined apart from her husband did not wish to retract it.” Signed, Amelia Diss Debar.

In the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge Co. Family No. 1.: In the household of Francis F. M. Smith, hotel keeper, “Milly Cain, 26, female, white, b. Va.”

No other information.

CHAPTER XV-5
SILAS CAIN.

Silas Cain, b. 1825 to 1830. He was in the Civil War; Company “D” 14th Regiment; Captain Jacob M. Reitz. He returned safely from the war.

The following is taken from *Davis, The Settlers of Salem West Virginia*,⁷ page 71, “Ellen (Davis), b. 9 Oct 1855; m. Silas Cain.” and page 135, “Lucy Ellen Davis, b. 9 Oct 1855; d. Nov 1885; m. Silas Cain, as 2nd wife, b. 1827; d. 1917.”

The children *Cain*:

1.- Early L., b. 3 March 1879; d. 30 Jan 1978 m. 24 Dec 1901 Sarah Wilson Bland who d. 28 Nov 1969. (Their son Franklin, m. Margaret Bond, and they had George L. Cain & Joan Cain Griffin

2.- William

3.- John

4.- Hubert Davis, b. 1874 is listed as a step-son of Silas Cain in the 1880 census.

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 122 008:

Cain Silas	WM	52		Laborer	VA VA VA
Ellen	WF	25	Wife	Keeping house	VA VA VA
James	WM	14	Son	at home	WV VA VA
Helen	WF	12	Dau	at home	WV VA VA
Francis	WF	9	Dau	at home	WV VA VA
Early	WM	1	Son	at home	WV VA VA
Davis, Hubert	WM	6	S/son	at home	WV VA VA

CHAPTER XV-6.
JAMES CAIN.

James Cain, b. 1832.

He married Mary A. Harris. This marriage in Ritchie County: “13 Dec 1860...James Cain of Dodd. Co...farmer...age 28...b. Harrison Co...son of James and Ruth Cain; m. Mary A. Harris...age 19...b. Tyler Co...dau. of Thomas and Ann Harris.” Not returned.

He was mustered into service as a private in Company “D” of the 14th Regiment; Company commanded by Captain Jacob M. Reitz. He was born in Doddridge Co., Va. He was 5 feet, seven inches tall, dark complexion, gray eyes, black hair and a farmer by occupation. ..Having joined the Company on its organization at Ellenboro, to serve for the term of three years, having served honestly and faithfully, he d. 20 May 1864 at David McCloy's farm of wounds received in action at McCloy's Mountain, near Dublin, Pulaski Co., Va., on 9 May 1864.

In the 1850 census of Rit. Co., family of Barton Hickman, “James Cain, age 19.”

In the 1850 census of Doddridge Co., family of Butler Bond (wife Eliza Dotson) Family No 290: “James Cain, 18, male, white, b. Va”

CHAPTER XV-7.
STACY CAIN

Stacy Cain, b. 1830 to 1835. No other information.

Notes: Chapter 15

¹ H. H. Hardesty, *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, Maps and Histories of Ritchie and Doddridge Co's., W.Va., 1883: Hardesty's West Virginia Counties Doddridge Marion Upshur Wetzel Vol. 2 , and Gilmer Ritchie Lincoln Wayne Vol. 7* (Reprints, Richwood, W.Va: Jim Comstock 1973), Vol. 2 p. 13.

² *The History of Ritchie County West Virginia to 1980* (Ritchie County Historical Society, 1980), p. 74.

³ H. H. Hardesty, *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, 1883 and Hardesty's West Virginia Counties; Monroe, Putnam, Tyler* Vol. 1 (Reprints, Richwood, W.Va: Jim Comstock 1973).

⁴ B. E. Hanes, *Doak Family History and Genealogy* (Clarksburg W. Va.: The Exponent Job Shop, 1931), p. 77.

⁵ Barr Wilson, *Jacob Collins Sr. and Phebe Stuthart* (unpublished 1982), p. 74.

⁶ B. E. Hanes, *Doak Family History and Genealogy* (Clarksburg W. Va.: The Exponent Job Shop, 1931), p. 30.

⁷ Susie Davis Nicholson, *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W. Va.* Revised Edition (Strashburg, Ohio: Gordon Printing Co., 1979), p. 71, 136.

Chapter XVI

Michael Dotson

Michael Dotson, b. 1812-1815. d. Nov 30, 1851. Michael's parents were Richard Dotson and Naomi Villers Gregg Dotson, Richard's third wife. We have no documented proof that Michael was a son of Richard, Sr., only circumstantial (see discussion of this in Chapter 4)

Michael married Eliza Davis, but no marriage record has been found. There is a record of the second marriage of Michael's widow Elizabeth in Doddridge County: "22 April 1858 (7)...Elizabeth Dotson, 41...widowed...b. Lewis Co...res. Dodd, Co...Parents, Benjamin L. & Eliza Davis; & John Lewellen, 69...widowed...b. England..res. Dodd. Co...Parents, John & Mary." This would make her birthday 1816 or 1817.

From, *Davis, The Settlers of Salem West Virginia*, ¹page 32: "Eliza Davis, b. ____, m. (1)____Dotson; m. (2) Swellin (Lewellen); m. (3) 22 Jan 1863, Nathan Davis as his second wife."

In the Greenwood Cemetery: MICHAEL DOTSON, b. 1812...died 30 Nov 1851.

The birthyear of 1812 on Michael's tombstone does not agree with that from the 1850 census of Doddridge Co. (age 35, which would make his birthyear ca. 1815). The 1850 census age given for Eliza agrees with that of her second marriage above.

Michael Dotson headstone Greenwood Cemetery Doddridge County, WV

Eliza left each of her children a farm at the head of Leeson Run, in Doddridge Co., about two miles from Greenwood.

In a deed dated May 1841, from Zachariah Dotson and wife Eliza to Ephraim Bee....100 acres at the head of Wilhelm Run, mention was made that it was "the same land that *Michael Dotson* made an improvement on and now in the possession of Samuel Ellifritt", (*Dotson Land Grants* p. 37).



From the 1840 census of VA; Harrison County:

Michael Dotson; Males; 1 under 5, 1 20-30: Females; 1 under 5, 1 20-30.

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County:

Dotson, Michael (laborer) age 35 years born in Virginia

Eliza	34
Sylvanus	12
Emily Jane	10
Arius	8
Jecline (Jerline)*	3

*Jerline, age 12, in household of his uncle Zachariah in 1860 census of Doddridge Co. (Chap. 12).

Parents of four children:

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.- Sylvanus Dotson, b. 1838 | Chapter XVI-1 |
| 2.- Emily Jane Dotson, b. 1840 | XVI-2 |
| 3.- Arius Dotson, b. 1842 | XVI-3 |
| 4.- Francis Jerleen Dotson, b. 1847 | XVI-4 |

CHAPTER XVI-1

SYLVANUS DOTSON.

Sylvanus Dotson, b. 18 July 1838; d. 17 Aug 1898.

Hem.Mahala Meserva. This marriage in Doddridge County: "8 Sept 1874...Sylvannus Dotson, 36...b. Rit. Co...res. Dodd. Co... and Mehala Meserva, 22...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd. Co...by L. H. Mead." No parents given.

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 122 006:

Dotson, Sylvanus	WM	43	Laborer	VA VA VA
Mahala	WF	29	Wife Keeping house	VA OH VA
Luther A	WM	9/12	Son (Sept 1879)	VA VA VA

One known child:

- 1.- Charles Luthur Dotson, b. Sept 1879; m. Elizabeth Tate. Two children:
 - a.- Ralph Louis "Lou" Dotson, b. 20 June 1907; m. ____; Two children:
 - 1.- Bailly E. Dotson, 1941.
 - 2.- Clyde Edward Dotson.
 - b.- Benjamin Franklin Dotson, m. Mildred Tabrin.

CHAPTER XVI-2

EMILY JANE DOTSON.

Emily Jane Dotson, b. 1840.

She m. William R. Thomas. This marriage record in Doddridge County. "28 Feb 1861...Emily J. Dotson, 19...single...b. Wood Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, Michael & Eliza; & William R. Thomas, 21...single... b. Hardy Co...res. Dodd. Co...Parents, John & Hannah."

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 122 008:

Thomas, Emily J (w)	WF	38		Keeping house	VA VA VA
Leody Bell	WF	18	Dau	at home	VA VA VA
Rily E	WM	15	Son	at home	WV VA VA
Clark L	WM	12	Son	at home	WV VA VA
Stella A	WF	6	Dau	at home	WV VA VA

Parents of four children:

- 1.- Leody Bell Thomas, b. ca. 1862
- 2.- Riley E Thomas, b. ca. 1865 m. ___ Harder. Three children:
 - a.- Carol Thomas.
 - b.- Gerald Thomas.
 - c.- Leb Thomas.
- 3.- Clark L Thomas b. ca. 1868
- 4.- Stella A. Thomas b. ca. 1874

CHAPTER XVI-3. ARIEUS DOTSON.

Arieus Dotson, b. 1842; d. Mar 5, 1939; m. Hannah Williams of England.

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 122 020:

Dotson A E	WM	37		Farmer	VA VA VA
Hannah	WF	32	Wife		EN WL EN
Raginal	WM	11	son	farm lab.	WV VA EN
Ira E	WM	9	son	at home	WV VA EN
Mary L	WF	7	dau	at home	WV VA EN
Elizabeth E	WF	5	dau	at home	WV VA EN

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: 5 20 8 44 Dodd Central Dist

Dotson, Arions E.	W	Oct 1842	47	WV
Hannah	wf	Sept 1848	53	Wales Nr
Eliza A (Augusta E)	D	July 1884	15	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0026 0206

Dotson Arioks E(Arieus)H	W	67	WVA WVA
Hannah	W	62	England
Reginald R	S	40	WVA
Augusta E	D	25	WVA

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 10 33 6a 23;

Dotson Arious	W	77	WV
Hannah	W	71	England
Waldo, Gussie	W	35	WV
Hugh C	husband	32	WV

From the Register of Deaths Doddridge Co. Vol 5, p. 42: "Dotson Arious E. Male d. Mar 5, 1939; Greenwood, WV widower b Oct 7 1842 age 96 4 28 retired farmer bp Greenwood WV b. Greenwood WV undertaker A T Hall info. Ira Dotson Greenwood WV bp. of father Greenwood bp of mother Long Run WV; parents Eliza Davis and Michael Dotson."

In the Greenwood Cemetery: "Dotson A E 1842-1939 Hannah his wf. 1849-1926"

Parents of seven named children (an eighth, born Mar 22, 1881, male, unnamed in the Doddridge birth record-died Mar 23, 1881):

1.- David L. Dotson, b. Dec 13, 1866.

From the Index and Register of Births, Doddridge Co., Vol. 1, p. 28: "Dec 13 1866 Dotson David L., M, parents Hannah Dotson Aries Dotson"

2.- Reginald Dotson, b. May 9 1869 m. (1) Grace Mason. Reginald Dotson, m. (2) Maggie Henry.

From the Index and Register of Births, Doddridge Co., Vol. 1, p. 40: "May 9, 1869 Dotson Reginald, M, parents Hannah Dotson A. E. Dotson"

In 1910, age 40, Reginald was living with his parents Arieus and Hannah Dotson.

From Ritchie Deaths 1919-1970; p. 104 21; "Dotson Reginald Rochester, male, white, widow, d. Pennsboro, Sept 27 1935, age 66 - -, merchant, b. Dodd. Co, parents A. E. Dotson, b. Doddridge Co.; angina pectoris, rept. Odie Jones"

In the Greenwood Cemetery; "Dotson Margate 1867-1934 Reginald 1869-1935" and "Gracie L wife of R R Dotson July 27 1877 Oct 15, 1900 23yr 2mo 18da"

Henry Metz, a son of Rosette Dotson and Lihugh Metz, was adopted by Reginald R. Dotson. See Chap. XI-7 James Dotson, Jr.

In a deed dated Nov 1, 1935 (Dodd. Deeds, Vol. 94, pp. 151-155) the other heirs of R R Dotson, deceased, gave a lot and store building (Dotson store) in Greenwood to Henry Dotson Metz; the other heirs included Ira Dotson and Ethel Dotson, his wife, Mary Lillian Dotson and W R Dotson, her husband, Ella E Hewitt and H K Hewitt her husband, Gussie E Waldo and C H Waldo her husband, and Edith Halterman and C O Halterman, her husband....For a full description of this deed and the location of the lot in Greenwood, see *Dotson Land Grants, (1804-1865)* ², p. 34.

3.- Ira E. Dotson, b. Mar 1871, m. (1) Ida Powell, m. (2) Ethel Bartlett.

From the Index and Register of Births, Doddridge Co. Vol. 1, p. 48: "Mar 21, 1871, Dotson Ira, F?, parents Hannah Williams A. E. Dotson".

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Doddridge Cent. Dist 5 20 12 72

Dotson Ira E	W	Mar 1871	29	WV
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Ida L	W	June 1872	27	WV
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Cecil D	S	June 1895	4	WV
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From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Ritchie 036 0068 0218

Dotson Ira E	H W	39	WV WV
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Ida L	W	38	WV
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Carl R	S	08	WV
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From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Ritchie 48 115 5 21

Dotson I E	W	48	WV
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Ida L	W	47	WV
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Sylva	D	13	WV
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In the Greenwood Cemetery: "Dotson Cecil D son of I E and Ida L Dotson June 19 1895 Oct 17 1907" and "Carl R son of I E and I. L Dotson 1901-1919"

4.- Mary "Lillie" Dotson, b. April 10, 1874, m. William Remus Dotson. (son of John Calvin Dotson). For the family of this John Calvin Dotson, son of Melissa Dotson, please refer to Chap. VIII-1 Melissa Dotson.

From Doddridge Co. Deaths: "Dotson Mary Lillian d Dec 3, 1937 at Greenwood WV married b April 10 1874 age 63 7 23 housewife b. Dodd. father A E Dotson b. Dodd mother Hannah Williams England A T Hall Inf W R Dotson"

In the Greenwood Cemetery: "Dotson M. Lillian 1873-1937 Wm R 1870-1948"

One child:

a.- Nellie Elena Dotson, m. Omar Ralph "Hick" Waldo (Chap. V-14)

This obituary from the *Ritchie Gazette* Dec 19, 1991: "Nellie E. Waldo, 91, formerly of Greenwood, WV, died Monday Dec 9, 1991, in Care Haven of Belmont, Pleasants County, WV.

She was born in Greenwood, a daughter of the late William R. and Mary Lillian Dotson. She was a member of the Greenwood United Methodist Church and Ladies Aide Society.

Surviving are a son, James William 'Bill' Waldo of Dover, OH, and a daughter, Lorraine Nutter of Belpre, OH.

Services were held at McCullough-Rogers Funeral Home Pennsboro, WV, with Rev. Randy Stewart officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery." Three children:

1.- William "Bill" Waldo, m. Maxine Burgess. Three children:

(1) Becky Waldo, m. ____ Wolfe.

(2) Kay Waldo, m. Kenny Gibson.

(3) Vicky Waldo.

2.- Elena Waldo, m. Roy Underwood. One child:

(1) Brian Underwood.

3.- Helen Lorraine Waldo, m. William Porter Nutter. Three children:

(1) Larry Joe Nutter, m. Catherine Corbin and have; Matthew Nutter and Andrew Nutter.

(2) Karee Nutter, m. Alan Matthew and have; Robbie Matthew and Melissa Matthew.

(3) Beatrice Kay Nutter, m. Phillip Weeds. They have; Phoebe Weeds.

5.- Elizabeth "Ella" Dotson, m. Henry Hewitt. They had a store at Greenwood and then moved to the Parkersburg area.

From the Index and Register of Births, Doddridge Co. Vol. 1, p. 66: "Nov 24, 1874, Dotson, Eliza, F, parents Hannah Dotson A. Dotson."

In a deed of Nov 1, 1935, (Dodd. Deeds Vol. 94, pp. 151-155), the other heirs of R. R. Dotson, deceased, deeded a lot in Greenwood to Ella E. Hewitt; the other heirs (grantors) included Ira Dotson and Ethel Dotson, his wife, Gussie E Waldo and C H Waldo, her husband, Henry Dotson Metz and Callie Metz his wife, Mary Lillian Dotson and W R Dotson her husband, and Edith Halterman and C O Halterman her husband.... For a full description of this deed and the location of the lot in Greenwood, see *Dotson Land Grants, (1804-1865)* ³ p. 28.

Four children:

a-Clifford Hewitt, m. Hilda Mead. Three children:

1.- Henry Hewitt, m. Agnes Talbott.

2.- Patty Jo Hewitt, m. (1) Kenneth Houser. Four children:

(1) Stephen Houser.

(2) Tommy Houser.

(3) Bobby Houser.

(4) Catherine Houser.

2.- Patty Jo Hewitt, m. (2) Harold Boso.

3.- Barbara Cecile Hewitt, m. Ed Rogers.

(1) Adopted child.

b.- Roger Hewitt, m. Mildred Stevens. One child:

1.- Margaret Hewitt, m. Orville Hardman.

c.- Wanda Hewitt, m. ____ Hitchcock. Two children:

1.- William Hitchcock, m. Patricia Harris. One child:

(1) Jay Henry Hitchcock.

2.- Nancy Hitchcock, m. James Collins. Four children:

(1) Sue Collins.

(2) Linda Collins, m. Ralph Leaseburg.

(3) Mike Collins.

(4) Bridget Collins.

d.- Nelda Hewitt, m. Reggie Massie. Four children:

1.- Charles Massie

2.- Ralph Glen Massie.

3.- Stan K. Massie.

4.- Richard Massie.

6.- Augusta Eliza "Gussie" Dotson, b. July 1884 m. Hugh Waldo. In the 1920 census, in the household of her father Arius Dotson, see above. One child:

a.- Marian Waldo, m. Gale Smith. One child:

1.- Sandra Smith, m. Gary Talkington. Two children:

(1) Julia Talkington.

(2) Gary Talkington.

7.- Sylvia L Dotson, b. July 12, 1889, d. Feb 7, 1890.

From the Index and Register of Births-Doddridge Co., Vol. 2, p. 74: "July 12, 1889 Dotson Sylvia L, F, parents Hannah Dotson A. E. Dotson"

From the Index and Register of Deaths-Doddridge Co., Vol. 3, p. 50: "Dotson Sylva, F, Feb 7, 1890"

CHAPTER XVI-4

FRANCIS JERLEEN DOTSON.

Francis Jerleen Dotson, b. Sept 1847, d. 21 Apr 1936. m. (1) Arzanna Davis. From *Davis, The Settlers of Salem W.Va.*,⁴ page 71: "Arzanna, b. ca. 1848; d. 31 May 1848?; m. 31 May 1884? (Doddridge County) F. Jerlean Dotson."

From the Index and Register of Deaths, Doddridge Co., Book 4 p. 45; "Dotson Frances Jeuline, Apr 21, 1936, Male, parents Eliza Davis Michael Dotson".

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "26 May 1864..F J. Dotson...age 18...m. Arzanna Davis...age 16."

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 122 004:

Dotson Jeolin	WM	32		Farmer	VA VA VA
Arasonah	WF	32	Wife	Keeps house	VA VA VA
Mary E	WF	14	Dau	at home	WV VA VA
Jenavie	WF	6	Dau	at home	WV VA VA
Lucretia	WF	6/12	Dau (Jan 1880)		WV VA VA

From the 1900 census soundex of WV: Dodd Cent Dist 5 20 6 46:

Dotson Francis J	W	Sept 1847	52	WV
Manda J	W	Dec 1865	34	WV
Orval A	S	Aug 1885	14	WV

From the 1910 census soundex of WV: Doddridge 007 0026 0208:

Dotson Frances	H W	62	WV WV
Merinda J	W	44	WV
Cox Mephia	ML	68	WV

From the 1920 census soundex of WV; Doddridge 1042 6 67 Smithton:

Dotson Jerlean	W	72	WV
Ella	W	43	WV

Francis Jerleen Dotson, m. (2) Mahala Jane Hewitt. (note; Mephia Cox, ML in 1910 census above) Francis Jerleen Dotson, m. (3) Ella Norman.

From the Index and Register of Births-Doddridge Co. Vol. 1,
 p. 33: "July 27 1867 Dotson Mary A, Female, parents Arvana and Francis Dotson";
 p. 44: "Dec 18, 1870 Dotson L. P. Male, parents Arsannah and F. J. Dotson";
 p. 54: "Nov 10 1872 Dotson Minie, Female, parents Arzanah and Francis Dotson";
 p. 78: " — — 1876 Dotson Gertrude, Female, parents Arsanna and F. J. Dotson";
 p.108: "Aug 3, 1880 Dotson Lucretia, Female, parents Arsaniah and Jerlean Dotson";
 p.120: "June 25 1882, Dotson C. W. Male, parents A. and Jerlene Dotson"

From the Index and Register of Deaths, Doddridge Co. Vol. 3, p. 41: "Dotson Bertha, female, d. July 12, 1884, parents Arozanah Dotson, F. J. Dotson"

In the Greenwood Cemetery: "Marinda J Hewitt Dotson 1865-1912"

Four children (four or five others, from birth and death records above, apparently died young):

1.- Mary E. "Mellie" Dotson, b. July 27, 1867, m. ___ Cottrill.

2.- Jenavie “Jenny” Dotson, b. ca. 1874, m. U S Grant Squires.

From the *History of Doddridge Co.*, 1979⁵ p. 249: “The children of James Monroe and Mary Coll Squires of Cabin Run led varied and interesting Lives.” Eleven children. The son “U S Grant (1868-1954) was a tall man with a handle bar mustache. He worked for the B & O where he helped organize the union. He married *Jennie Dotson*. They had two sons. He followed his brother, John, to Cumberland MD, where he worked for a tin plating company.” Submitted by U. Reva Bennett.

3.- Lucretia Dotson, b. Jan 1880, m. ____ Squires.

In her father Francis Jerleen Dotson's household in the 1880 census.

4.- Orval A. Dotson, b. Aug 1885.

In his father Francis Jerleen Dotson's household in the 1900 census.

From the Index and Register of Deaths, Doddridge Co. Vol. 1, p. 139; “Dotson Orval, Male, d. Dec 13, 1901.” In the Greenwood Cemetery “Orval A Dotson Aug 20 1885 Dec 14 1901”

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¹ Susie Davis Nicholson, *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W. Va.* Revised Edition (Strashburg, Ohio: Gordon Printing Co., 1979), p. 32.

² James M. Dotson, *Dotson Land Grants (1804-1865) in the Present Day Counties of Ritchie Doddridge Tyler West Virginia* (1988), p. 37.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 34.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 28.

⁵ Susie Davis Nicholson, *Davis, The Settlers of Salem, W. Va.* Revised Edition (Strashburg, Ohio: Gordon Printing Co., 1979), p. 71.

⁶ *History of Doddridge Co.* 1979 ; p. 249.

Chapter XVII

Naomi Dotson

Naomi Dotson, b. Jan. 16, 1816; d. 18 March 1882 in Ritchie County. From Ritchie Co. Death Records., Vol. 3. p. 36 Naoma Williams, female, died 18 March 1882-age 56 b. Dodd. farmer; consort; parents *Richard Dotson* and *Naoma Dotson*; information by husband”.

Naomi m. (1) ___ Tucker. This m. must have been ca. 1834, as they had a son, Henry Tucker, b. 1835. This son, Henry, is shown in the 1850 census of Doddridge County (family of John Williams), as 15 years of age.

Naomi’s first husband (___ Tucker) must have died soon after the birth of this child. No other information on Tucker.

Naomi Dotson, m. (2) John Williams, ca. 1837. He was b. 6 Aug. 1817

All of the above information is taken from, “The Williams Family” by Carsie Williams. This information may be found, starting on page 387 *Clay District Ritchie County*.¹

From the 1850 census of VA; Doddridge County:

Williams, John (farmer) age 32 years born in Virginia

Naomi	33
Henry	15
Marion	11
Angelina	9
Eleazar	8
Sophia	4
Jasper	2
Richard	1 month.

There were more children born after 1850.

From the 1870 census of VA; Doddridge Grant Township West Union PO 69 63:

Williams John	52	MW	Farmer	\$300\$240	VA
Naomi	53	FW	Keeping house		VA cannot r or w
Sophia	23	FW	at home		
Elizabeth V	14	FW			VA att sch
Florence O	11	FW			VA att sch cannot w

From the 1880 census of VA; Doddridge Co. 120 025:

Williams	John	WM	63	Farmer	VA VA VA
Naomi		WF	66	Wife Keeping house	VA VA VA

Parents of ten known children:

CHAPTER XVII-1

HENRY WILLIAMS.

Henry Williams b. 1835. This would be Henry Tucker listed in first paragraph above.

CHAPTER XVII-2

MARION WILLIAMS.

Marion Williams b. 1839. No other information.

CHAPTER XVII-3

ANGELINE WILLIAMS.

Angeline Williams b. 1841. She m. _ Childers and lived on Ragans Run in Doddridge County.

CHAPTER XVII-4

ELEAZAR WILLIAMS.

Eleazar Williams b. 6 June 1840. He m. Sarah Elizabeth Gregg, daughter of Elzy Gregg and Mary Dotson. See Mary Dotson, Chapter VII-6, and for further information *The Gregg Family*, page 18².

From Hardesty's history of Doddridge County, 1883...page 29³:

"ELEAZAR F. (FREEMAN) WILLIAMS...son of John and Naomi (Dotson) Williams, was born in what is now Tyler County, W.Va., June 6, 1840.

His father born Aug 6, 1817 is now a resident in Doddridge County, and his mother, born Jan 16, 1816; died March 18, 1882. In Ritchie (now a county of W.Va.), August 31 1844 was born Sarah Elizabeth Gregg, who became the wife of Mr. Williams in the county of her birth, on the 8th of May, 1866. They have one daughter, Mary Naomi, born March 3, 1867. Elzea Gregg, born July 2, 1808 died in December 1862, was the father of Mrs. Williams, and her mother was Mary Dixon... (this is in error, Dotson is correct) Gregg, born March 12, 1818, still living. In the war of the states, Eleazar F. Williams served as a corporal of Company "A" 14th West Virginia infantry, enlisting August 2, 1862, and receiving discharge at Cumberland, Maryland, June 27, 1865, never have been in hospital nor shirked a day of duty. Among the engagements in which he took part were; Floyd Mountain, Lexington, Lynchburg, Carter's Farm, Winchester, Martinsburg, Halltown, Berryville, second Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. He was in many heavy skirmishes, among them Greendland Gsp, Pierce Farm, Hedgesville, Medley and others. He is farming in Grant District. He has been an elder of the Christian Church at Broad Run, and himself and wife are in the fellowship of that church. He has been road supervisor and school trustee. Address, West Union, Doddridge Co., W.Va."

CHAPTER XVII-5.

SOPHIA WILLIAMS

Sophia Williams b. 1846. She m. __ Orr and lived near Shirley, WV.

CHAPTER XVII-6.
JASPER WILLIAMS

Jasper Williams b. 1848. No other information.

CHAPTER XVII-7.
RICHARD WILLIAMS

Richard Williams b. 1850. No other information.

CHAPTER XVII-8.
MARIA WILLIAMS

Maria Williams b. Nov 28, 1852, d. Jan 28, 1939. m. Jerome Childers.
From Doddridge Co. Deaths, Vol. 5 p. 27: "Childers Maria C, F, died Morgansville WV RD. Jan 28 1939 age 86 y 2 m; b. Nov 28 1852 parents Naomi Dotson John Williams Bur 1 30 39 Roberts Chapel".

For the family of Jerome Childers, see Chapter XVIII Lydia Dotson.

CHAPTER XVII-9.
ELIZABETH V WILLIAMS

Elizabeth V Williams b. ca. 1856. No other information.

CHAPTER XVII-10.
FLORENCE O WILLIAMS

Florence O Williams, b. ca. 1859. No other information.

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¹ Carsie Williams, *Clay District Ritchie County, The Williams Family* (unpublished), p. 387.

² Barr Wilson, *The Gregg Family* (Unpublished 1980; typewritten copies placed in Ritchie Co. Library, Harrisville, W. Va. and Doddridge Co. Library, West Union, W. Va.), p. 18.

³ H. H. Hardesty, *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, Maps and Histories of Ritchie and Doddridge Co's., W.Va., 1883; Hardesty's West Virginia Counties Doddridge Marion Upshur Wetzel Vol. 2 , and Gilmer Ritchie Lincoln Wayne Vol. 7* (Reprints, Richwood, W.Va: Jim Comstock 1973), Vol. 2 p. 29.

Chapter XVIII

Lydia Dotson

Lydia Dotson, b. 1822. She m. Jonathan Childers. This marriage in Tyler County: “8 Sept. 1840...Jonathan Childers and Lydia Dotson by Samuel Archibald.”

From the 1850 census of VA; Tyler County:

Childers, Jonathan (farmer)	35 yrs
Lydia	28
George	8
Gerome	6
Manerva	4
Amos	2
Henderson (Elisha)	3 months.

There was at least one child (Ella Childers) born after 1850. Jerome and Lydia Childers were not found in the WV census indexes for 1860 or 1870. Six known children:

CHAPTER XVIII-1

GEORGE CHILDERS.

George Childers, b. ca. 1842. No other information.

CHAPTER XVIII-2

JEROME CHILDERS.

Jerome Childers, b. ca. 1844-45.

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 294-284:

Jerome Childers	25	VA	Farmer
Evaline	12	VA	Hskpr

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 119 002:

Childers Jerom	WM	37	Farmer	VA	VA	VA
Mariah	WF	28	Wife	Keeping hse.	VA	VA
Ida J	WF	7	Dau		WV	VA
Austin	WM	4	Son		WV	VA
Elbert	WM	2	Son		WV	VA
Ealney	WF	9/12	Dau (Sept 1879)		WV	VA

CHAPTER XVIII-3

MANERVA CHILDERS.

Manerva Childers, b. ca. 1846. No other information.

CHAPTER XVIII-4
AMOS CHILDERS.

Amos Childers, b. ca. 1848. We have this marriage record of Amos Childers in Ritchie Co.: "8 April 1868...Amos Childers, 20...single...b. Tyler Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Jonathan & Lydia; & Frances E. Griggs, 20...single... b. Rit. Co...res. Rit. Co...Parents, Elza & Mary by Jacob C. Jones."

Frances E. Griggs' parents were Elza Gregg and Mary Dotson. See Chapter VII-6; also *The Gregg Family*,¹ page 17.

From the 1870 census of WV; Ritchie Co. 295-285:

Amos Childers	22	VA Farmer
Sarah F E (Francis E)	23	VA Hskpr
Franklin A	1	WV

From the 1880 census of WV; Doddridge Co., 119 002:

Childers Amos	WM	32	Farmer	VA VA VA
Francis E	WF	32	Wife Keeping house	VA VA VA
Franklin A*	WM	10	Son farm laborer	WV VA VA
Norman*	WM	6	Son	WV VA VA
Effa M	WF	8/12	Dau (Oct. 1879)	WV VA VA

*Frank married Mary C. Dotson, and Norman married Laura Bell Dotson; Mary C and Laura Bell were sisters, daughters of Charles Wesley and Sarah Ann Elder Dotson. Chapter VII-9 Robert Dotson.

CHAPTER XVIII-5
ELISHA CHILDERS.

Elisha (Henderson) Childers, b. 1850.

From Doddridge Deaths, Vol. 5 p. 27: "Childers Elisha, M, d. West Union Dec 7 1938; age 88 11 17 Carpenter; b. Dec 23 1849; parents Liddy Dotson John Childers; buried West Union."

CHAPTER XVIII-6
ELLA CHILDERS.

Ella Childers, b. 1855-58, dau. of Jonathan Childers and Lydia Dotson; m. John C. Dotson. son of Melissa Dotson. From Doddridge Marriages; "1 Sept. 1875...John C. Dotson, 32...b. Dodd. Co...res. Dodd Co... Parents, Melissa Dotson; & Ella Childers, 20...b. Tyler Co...Res. Dodd. Co...parents, Jonathan & Lydia by Sylvester Lowther." In the Greenwood Cemetery: "Dotson John C Oct 5 1842 Apr 3 1913 Ella his wife May 26 1858-_____" For John C. Dotson's line, see Chapter VIII-1 Melissa Dotson.

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¹ Barr Wilson, *The Gregg Family* (Unpublished 1980; typewritten copies placed in Ritchie Co. Library, Harrisville, W. Va. and Doddridge Co. Library, West Union, W. Va.), p. 17.

APPENDIX

Appendix A

Myths, Legends

Concerning Richard Dotson's Ancestors

The following account of Richard Dotson's ancestors was presented, with disclaimers as to its validity, in Barr Wilson's 1983 edition of *Richard Dotson (1752-1847)*, and his *The Descendants of John Wilson*. The latter book was published in 1975 by the author and printed by McClain Printing Company, Parsons W.Va. Further research has shown many parts of these accounts of Richard's ancestors to be inaccurate. The reason for including them here is to bring the source of this misinformation to light and set the record straight.

From the 1983 edition of *Richard Dotson (1752-1847)* by Barr Wilson

"EARLY PIONEER DOTSONS.

FIRST THREE GENERATIONS.

The information for the first three generations was gathered by Hazel Seevers, b. 3 Jan. 1902 in Kansas City, Kansas. She m(2) Roy Layton Beck. See, page 66..."The Dotson Family" by Bertha Dotson Sellers. Also page 3 of this "Dotson History."

Her (Mrs. Hazel Seevers Beck's) intention was to write a "Dotson Family Genealogy." She collected information but finally concluded that she would not write the "Dotson Family Genealogy."

She sent this material to Bertha Dotson Sellers of Toll Gate, W.Va., who added to it and put together a "Dotson Family History."

We do not know whether the information of the first three generations in America, is correct or not. I will use Bertha's information in "The Dotson Family." Also the information from "The Dotson Family" page 416, "Descendants of John Wilson." Also some Dotson information furnished by Ed Dougherty of Nashville, Tenn.

I will copy this information from, "Descendants of John Wilson" and make corrections of errors.

"SAMUEL DOTSON, b. ca 1675, or earlier in England, came to America on the ship 'Assurance' 17 July 1692. His wife's name was Sarah, but we do not know if she came with him or whether he m. her here. However, Samuel landed in Northumberland Co., Va."

"SAMUEL and SARAH were the parents of Abraham Dotson, b. 13 Jan. 1690, so we must assume that they were m. and that Abraham and Sarah came, at the same time, Samuel did. But there is no proof of this at this time. The dates are conflicting, as Abraham's birthdate and birthplace are listed as North Uumberland Co., Va. He also d. in the same Co., so he probably spent his entire life there. He, m. Elizabeth Dameron, who was b. 18 April 1692 and also lived and d. in Northumberland Co., Va. She was the dau. of Richard and Margery Dameron."

"ABRAHAM and ELIZABETH DOTSON were the parents of Thomas Dotson, b. in Northumberland Co., Va., 4 Nov. 1731. Thomas was m. to Frances Minor, dau. of John Minor and Ann Washington Minor. Ann Washington Minor d. in Westmorland Co., Va. John Minor d. 22 Feb. 1698. Ann Washington Minor was the dau. of John Washington and Ann Pope Washington. (PAGE NO. 2.)

THOMAS AND FRANCES MINOR DOTSON were the parents of RICHARD DOTSON, b. Shenandoah Co., Va., 23 Oct. 1752."

Thomas Dotson may have m. Frances Minor but she was not the daughter of John Minor and Ann Washington.

Ed Dougherty gives this information, from Virginia History Magazine, Vol. No. __, page 297:

"The will of John Minor, who d. in 1698, also recorded in Westmorland Co., gives his wife as Ellenor, eldest son, Nichols, second son William, youngest son, John. Eldest daughter, Frances, youngest dau. Elizabeth".

This cannot be the Frances Minor (b. before 1700, from the d., 1698 of her father, John Minor, who was b. 1731) who m. Thomas Dotson, b. 1731. Frances was the oldest daughter so there is just too much differences in their ages.

From. "Tyler's Quarterly Magazine" Vol. 4, Jan. 1923, page 156; "Mr. Lawrence Washington, at the. date of the appeal, was the brotherin-law of Francis Wright, Gent., who m. Anne Washington a year or two before 1682. The exact date of the m. is not recorded, but the fact that her son, John Wright, became age 21 in or before 1704, fixes the m. date approximately. Ann Washington was named as unmarried in her father's Col. John Washington's will dated 21 Sept. 1675; he d. in 1677, between Aug. 14 and Sept. 26. Anne is not specified in that year in the settlement of the estate, as then being married."

From page 157:

"The jury finds that Col. John Washington being seized of 1400 acres of land in Rappahannock County by his last will gave the same to Anne, his daughter, who married Francis Wright, Gent., by whom he had a son, John."

"Capt. Lawrence Washington in March 1698, whose will named his deceased sister Anne and her husband, Francis Wright."

From page 167:

"Anne (Washington) Wright had died before the date of this will, March 11, 1697-98, hence no bequest to her."

From, "Descendants of John Wilson."

"The Genealogist Mrs. Miller* (I have no idea who Mrs. Miller is), lists her as Ann Hines, sister of Thomas Pope, so therefore the dau. of Nathaniel Pope. It is almost a certainty that she was m. before, but in (PAGE NO. 3.)

Minnie Kendall Lowther's History of Mount Vernon, she was the wife of Walter Broadhurst. In the Northumberland records reference is made to a suit which was brought by Anne Broadhurst, relict of Walter Broadhurst and administratrix of 30 Sept. 1659. Anne Pope's father was John Washington, who was ggf. of George Washington."

The above is a mixed up paragraph. The following will identify, Ann Pope as the first wife of John Washington and the mother of Ann Washington. Ann Pope was never married to Walter Broadhurst.

From the Magazine, "LOOKOUT." (These magazines are in Chattanooga, Tenn. and Nashville Tenn. libraries). Index to these magazines, may be found; Ritchie Co., Hist. Society; Doddridge Co. Library; Clarksburg Public Library; W.Va. Univ. Library and will be in the Glenville College Library in 1983.

"John Washington, brother to Lawrence, the immigrant, was born in 1633 and died 1677 (note...1697 above...one is in error); he M. three wives; Ann Pope, Mrs. Anna Broadhurst-Brett (nee Gerrard and twice a widow); Mrs. Frances-Speke-Peyton-Appleton (thrice a widow and also nee Gerrard). By his first wife, Ann Pope, John Washington had four children; Lawrence, John, Ann and Elizabeth."

Taken from the book, "The Wolfe-Hawkins-Sheets-Yates-Wheeler and Allied Families," Printed 1964 by Lelia Wolfe Preswitt, 502 Carpenter Street, Fairfield, Iowa 52556 ...

Page 101:

"Children of Dr. Thomas and Susannah Snow Gerrard: 5.- Anne Gerrard married 1st Walter Broadhurst; 2nd Henry Brett; 3rd John Washington, great grandfather of George Washington. 6.- Frances Gerrard married 1st Col. Thos. Speake; 2nd Col. Valentine Peyton; 3rd Capt. John Appleton; 4th John Washington and 5th William Hardwick."

The foregoing information proves, "That the Dotson Family is not descended from, or in any way, related to the Washington Family."

THOMAS DOTSON AND FRANCES MINOR DOTSON were the parents of RICHARD DOTSON, born Shenandoah County, Virginia, 23 October 1752.

Miss. Lowther's History of Ritchie County: "The original spelling of the name in the old world was 'DODSON,' but for some unknown reason (probably from the natural inclination for mis-pronouncing names) it became changed to the present form."

I believe just the reverse is true. The first immigrants spelled

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the name "DOTSON." I believe that in the writing of the early records in America, some of the Dotson names were copied as "DODSON."

Taken from a letter written by Miss Genevieve Ward, Box 323, Beverley, 7 April 1973. This is Randolph Co. The Hezekiah Dotson mentioned may be a brother of Richard Dotson. (We have no proof).

"Fee 1786, Henry Banks makes a deed to Benjamin Wilson in which it is stated that he was including the land on which Hezekiah Dotson and Benjamin Cutright lived. This land was later owned by Thomas Collett, and when he sold the land, he stated the corners were the same as that of Cutright and Dotson corners."

RICHARD DOTSON AND SARAH JEANNE HOLLYDAY.

"Richard Dotson, m(1) Sarah Jeanne Hollyday** ca 1772. We do not know whether this m. was in Virginia or Greene Co., Pa.

Richard Dotson removed from Virginia to Greene Co., Pa., ca 1772. Sarah Jeanne Hollyday was born 11 June 1752 in Easton, Maryland.

She was a dau. of Henry Hollyday, b. 9 March 1725, Calvert Co., Md., d. Nov. 11, 1789, Easton Md. He m. Anna

Marie Robins, b. 5 Jan. 1727, Calvert Co., Md., a dau. of George Robins, d. 1 Dec. 1835, Calvert Co., Md., and Henrietta Tilghman, d. 21 Jan. 1739, Calvert Co., Md. (Henrietta's parents were Richard Tilghman, d. Prince George Co., Md., and Anna Marie Lloyd, d. Prince George Co., Md.)

Henry Hollyday was a son of James Hollyday:

James Hollyday, b. 18 June 1695, Calvert Co., Md., d. Readbourne, Md. At one time he was on Lord Baltimore's Council. He married Sarah Covington, d. 9 April 1755, West Ham Chyd. Co., Essex, England. (Her parents were Nehemiah Covington, a Quaker, b. Calvert Co., Md., and Rebecca Denwood, b. Somerset Co., Md). They were married 15 .Nov. 1679.

James Hollyday was a son of Thomas Hollyday.

Thomas Hollyday, d. 17 Jan. 1703 in Prince George Co., Md., m. Mary Truman, dau. of James Truman and Ann (Storer) Truman."

The..reader should not accept this Hollyday information as being correct. There are references given in Bertha Seller's book. Mrs. Beck must have checked these records, but her information was mixed up. Any information before the birth of Richard Dotson in 1752 and Sarah Jeanne Hollyday in 1752, is to be questioned.

Richard Dotson and Sarah Jeanne Hollyday returned to Shenandoah County, Virginia in 1782 or 1783."

End of quote from 1983 edition of Barr Wilson's *Richard Dotson (1752-1847)*.

*Note about Mrs. Miller: In his book *The Dodson (Dotson) Family of North Farham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia: A History and Genealogy of Their Descendants* Vol. II, p.1176-1188,1989, two versions (legends/myths) of the ancestry of Richard Dotson are presented. Version #1 compiled by Edythe Mc Kinstry Gaston of Denver, CO in 1969, and Version #2 compiled by Gladys Pearl Cyphers Wilson, Fairmont WV and contributed in 1987; the latter is the same (that is, Samuel Dotson, ship 'Assurance', etc.) as that of Bertha Sellers who in turn got her information from Mrs. Hazel Seevers Beck. The author Rev. Silas Emmmett Lucas, Jr., commented on this account of the ancestors of Richard Dotson to the effect that some of legend (#2) had originated with a Mrs. Sandy Miller of Starke, FL who several years ago earned a reputation for selling phony pedigrees.

** References coming from Mrs. Beck and given by Bertha Sellers in her *Dotson Family History* included the following purporting to prove that Sarah Jeanne Hollyday

was the first wife of Richard Dotson.”Archives Hollyday Lineage (Colonial Families of the United States of America) Vol. 2, P. 333-342 by Machenzie. Pub. 1966.” On the contrary, this reference proves just the opposite, that is, that Sarah Hollyday instead married a Henry Nicols of Darly. On page 335 “Henry Hollyday, b. 9th Mar. 1725....Issue...II. Sarah Hollyday, b. 29th Jan. 1753; m. 12th May, 1812, Henry Nicols of Darly; d. 14th Oct. 1829.” This information is confirmed in another reference “The Hollyday and Related Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland” p. 124- by James Bordley, Jr., Maryland Historical Society Baltimore 1962.

Appendix B

Documentation for Chapter 1 (Early Pioneer Dotsons)

Copies of selected documents, referenced in Chapter 1, include the following:

- (1) Personal Propety Tax Lists, Shenandoah County, Va. 1782-1793
- (2) Dodson Wills in Shenandoah County-prior to 1800
- (3) Shenandoah Co. Order Book 1781-1784, Dodson-Dotson entries
- (4) Land Grants and Deeds; Index to selected Dotson-Dodson entries
- (5) Revolutionay War Pension Applications
- (6) Index to US Censuses of 1810, 1820, and 1830-Thomas Dotson (Dodson)

(1) Personal Propety Tax Lists, Shenandoah County, Va. 1782-1793

	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.Tithes</u>	<u>No.Horses</u>	<u>No.Cattle</u>
<u>1782</u>				
	Dodson, Saml.	1	1	3
	Dodson, John	1	-	4
<u>1783</u>				
	Dodson, Saml	1	2	2
	Dotson, Thos. Sen.	1	2	3
	Dotson, Thos. Jr.	1	2	5
	Dotson, William	1	5	2
	Dotson, Peter	1	5	4
	Dotson, John	-	-	5
<u>1784</u>				
	Dotson, Thomas	1	2	1
	Dotson, <u>Richard</u>	1	-	-
	Dodson, Saml.	1	2	1
	Dotson, William	1	6	4
	Dotson, Thomas	1	2	1
	Dodson, Peter	1	5	6
<u>1785</u>	<u>Wh.>21</u>			
	Thomas Dodson Sen.	1	2	1
	Samuel Dodson	1	2	-
	Thomas Dodson Jun.	1	4	0
	<u>Richard</u> Dotson	1	1	-
	Peter Dodson	1	5	7

<u>1786</u>	<u>Wh.>21</u>	<u>No.Horses</u>	<u>No.Cattle</u>
Peter Dodson	1	4	10
Samuel Dotson	1	2	-
<u>Richard</u> Dodson	1	3	-
Thomas Dodson Senior	1	1	-
Thomas Dodson Jun.	1	4	-

1787

<u>Date tax receiv.-</u> <u>persons chg.with tax</u>	<u>Wh.male tiths</u> <u>over 21/16-21</u>	<u>Horses,mares,</u> <u>colts,mules</u>	<u>Cattle</u>
May 10th-Dotson, Peter	Peter Dotson/1	4	11
Apr.23rd-Dotson, Thos. Sr.	Thos.Dotson/-	1	2
Apr.24th-Dotson,Thos. Jr.	Thos.Dotson/-	4	3

1788

Nov. 15th-Dotson, Peter	Peter Dotson/1	3	-
May 13-Dotson, Thos. Jr	1/-	2	-
Apr. 4-Dotson, Thos. Sr.	1/-	4	-

1789

<u>Date tax taken/persons names</u>	<u>No.white tiths</u>	<u>No.horses,marescolts,mules</u>
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List of tithables /taxable prop. taken by Taverner Beale:

Oct. 8th/Dotson Peter,Wm.Dotson	2	3
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List taken by William Headley:

Apr. 7th/Dotson, Thos.	1	3
May 4th/Dotson Thos.	2	8
May 13th/Dobson William	1	2

1790

<u>Dates taken/Persons Names</u>	<u>No. wh.tiths</u>	<u>No. horses,etc</u>
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Taken by Tavern Beale. one of Commissioners:

June 22/Dotson, Peter,Wm.Dotson	2	3
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Taken by William Headley: Wh.over16

Apr.27/Dotson Thos. ?nr.	1	4
Jul. 2/Dotson Thos.?nr.	2	3

1791

Apr. 29/Dotson Peter, Wm.Dotson, Henry Coil	3	4
Aug.10/Dotson Thos. —	1	6
Aug. 26/Dodr?on Michael levy free	—	1
Nov.1/Dobson Wm.	1	2

1792

March 30/Dotson Peter, William Dotson, Henry Coil	3	4
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List of William Headley

March 31/Dotson Thomas levy free	—	1
July 13/Dodr?on Michael levy free	—	1

1793

<u>Dates taken/Persons Names</u>	<u>Wh. over 16</u>	<u>No. horses,etc</u>
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List of Taverno Beale

July 9/ Dotson Peter, Wm.

(Dotson con??), Henry Coil	2	5
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Note: Tax list above read by the author (James M. Dotson) May 15, 1989 at the Virginia State Library, Archives, Richmond, Virginia

The above tax list substantiates Richard's statement, found in his pension application, that after the Rev. War he returned to Shenandoah Co..

(2) Dodson Wills in Shenandoah County-prior to 1800

The General Index to Wills in Shenandoah Co. contained only the following entries listing Dodson or Dotsons prior to 1800:

1784- Dodson, John decd. Will Bk. b. 107

1784- Dodson, John decd. Ex. Bond B 109

1796- Dodson, Peter decd. Will Bk. E 393

Note: The above wills of John Dodson and Peter Dodson were read at the Virginia State Library by the author on May 12, 1989; abstracted as follows:

John Dodson; Will book B, p.107, rec. Aug 1784; to wife Elizabeth, personal estate during her lifetime; to son Peter-land whereon I now live on drains of Stony Creek; to son Charles-sum of five pounds and debarred from holding any land now in my possession; to daughter Elizabeth, married to John Coil, sum of 30 shillings; to daughter Ann, married to Michael Callender, sum of 30 shillings.

John Dodson; Will Book B, p. 109, 26 Aug 1786; Peter Dodson posted 500 pounds bond as executor for estate of his father John Dodson deceased.

Peter Dodson; Will Book E, p. 393; signed one thousand eight hundred and proved 13 Oct 1800; to wife Mary, plantation and land on which I now live until Jacob and Joseph come of age; ...in dispute with David Fately, if won, give to daughters Ruth, Dorcas and Martha;...son Jacob to keep gun his brother William gave him at his decease.....

In the two volume book *The Dodson(Dotson) Family of North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia: A History and Genealogy of Their Descendants* ¹ the above information on personal property tax lists and wills, as well as some additional information, is presented under "Shenandoah County Records" on pages 1446-1449 of Vol. 2; this information was obtained from the same primary sources in the Virginia State Library.

(3) Shenandoah Co. Order Book 1881-1784, Dodson-Dotson entries

From the Shenandoah Co. Order Book 1881-1784 (Virginia State Library), the following entries were found naming Dodson or Dotsons:

Woodstock Court 30 March 1781, p. 14 Wm Dodson Plf. vs. Jacob Stover Deft. "This suit is agreed on the Defendants.

29 Aug. Court 1783, p.219 William Dotson Plf. agst. Nathaniel Smith and Jonathan Odel, Dft. In Debt; This day came the plf. by his attorney and thereupon came Edwin Young and James McKay and undertook for lthe Defendants...that the plaintiff

recover agt. defendant the sum of fifty-four pounds fourteen shillings and his costs; by him about his suit in the behalf expended and the said defendants..the plaintiff agreeing to stay execution until March next. But this Judgment to be discharged by the payment..

(4) Land Grants and Deeds; Index to Dotson-Dodson entries in Northern Neck, Frederick Co., and Shenandoah Co., Va.

Early land records of Dotsons (Dodsons) in Frederick (Shenandoah) Co. Va., who potentially might be Richard's relative, follow:

From the Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants Vol. II 1742-1775 compiled by Gertrude E. Gray GPC, 1988:

1653. John Stith of Stafford Co. Gent. has 850 A the residue of 1300 A granted Jarvis Dodson 12 Oct. 1653 and 602 A granted Christopher Boyce 28 Nov. 16, 1653.

1749. Mary Allen widow of Augusta Co. 400 A in said county. Surv. Geo. Hume. On Mill Creek adjacent Charles Dodson 19 Jan 1749.

1754. John Dodson of Augusta Co. 260 A in said county. Surv. Mr. Geo. Byrne.; where he lives on Mill Creek Adjacent Mary Allen, Joseph Donham (Denman) 11 Nov. 1754 (Note: this land in Frederick Co. formerly Augusta Co.)

1756. John Dodson of Augusta Co. 400 A in said county including where he lives west side of Stoney Creek. Surv. Mr. Robert Rutherford 30 Sept. 1756.

1763. Mr. Alan Macrae of Prince William Co. 346 A on Allens Creek in Frederick Co. Surv. Mr. Robert Rutherford. Adj. Henry Kilkener, Joseph Denman, John Dodson. 14 Dec. 1763.

1769. John Lagarde of Frederick Co. 176 A on N. F. of Shenandoah in said county. Surv. Peter Stephens. Adj. Peter Dodson 21 Apr. 1769.

From Joyner's Northern Neck Warrants and Surveys Frederick Co. 1749-1789 Vol. II 1985:

1753. Jacob Coil of Augusta Co. no warrant survey 24 De. 1753 400a. where he lives on Mill Creek adj. Dodson Joseph D.

1767. John Legarde 24 March 1767-13 Apr. 1767. 276 a.. ca. two miles from North R. Shando; adj. Peter Dodson. chain carrier Chas. Dodson and Jacob Whoodley. Surv. Peter Stephens

1761. Allan Macrae assig. Chas. O'Neal surv. 27 Apr. 1761. 346 a. on Allens Crk. Adj Henry Kelkener, Joseph Dennon, John Dodson; 8 Dec. 1769 Chas. O'Neal sold to Macrae.

From the Frederick Co. Deeds (Reel 48);

1761 Dodson John ux to Abraham Derest Deed Vol. 6, p. 317
...with Elizabeth his wife, 261 A. Mill Creek adj. Mary Allen

From the Shenandoah Co. Deeds (Reel 49)

1788 Dodson, Thos. to James Breeding Deed Book G. p. 47?

1790 Dodson, Thos. Jr. to Geo. Pullen 100 a. B&S. Deed Book H p. 47
 ..& Catherine his wife of Shenandoah, 5 pounds Powel Fort on Passage Creek
 1790 Dodson, Thos. Jr. to Jacob Poperstone B&S. Deed Book H p. 98
 ...& Catherine his wife , 55 pounds, 100 A. Powels Fort upon Passage Creek
 1795 Dodson, Thos. Jr. to Abraham Sherman, Deed Book K p. 1

Later Thos. Dodson Junior and Catharine his wife of Powel's Fort Shenandoah Co. and Adam Shearman Jun. 100 pounds 400 A. Powel's Fort on Passage, land granted to Henry Heae??? 1777? heirs at law, conveyed Jacob Hastine to James Breeding

(5) Revolutionay War Pension Applications-

Abstracts of Applications of Dotson-Dodsons Enlisting from, or Residing in, Shenandoah County, Virginia (read by author, National Archives, San Bruno CA 14 Dec. 1990 Mircrofilm roll Nos. 828 and 835)

From Index of Rev. War Pension Applications in the National Archives. National Gen. Soc. 1976 Special Pub. No. 40 (all Dotson & Dodsons):

Dodson:

Caleb, Va. R2996
 George, Va. BLWT. 51883-160-55
 John, N.C., Va. S2518
 Michael, Md. S42173
 Thomas, N.C. BL rej. 160888-1855
 Thomas, Pa. S39459
 William, Va. S30994

Dotson:

Esau, N.C. S6800
 Richard, Va. S5364
 William, N.C. Zilpha Bartley, former Wid. R592

Abstracts of Selected Claims:

Caleb Dodson R2996 b. 1752 Fauquier Co. Va. to Halifax Co. Va. to NC
 George Dodson BLWT 51883-160-55 Widow Lucy Dodson (also maiden name Dodson) Pittsylvania Co. Va. to N.C.

John Dodson S2518 b. Va. near Stanton River. (could not recall County) in 1751-52 afterwards father move into county of Shenandoah; entered service 1 July 1775 marched against Shawnee Indians Tygerts Valley (now Greenbrier Co.); 1779 entered for 3 mo. as Spy, Green Co. Tenn.; 1782 entered from Green Co. eastern Tenn. filed 29 Nov. 1820 Hawkins Co. State of Tenn.

William Dodson S30994 b. Mar. 29, 1758 in Shenandoah Co. Va. and while residing there enlisted 1776 private 2 years and 2 months in Capt. Richard Campbell's Company, Muhlenburg and Bowmans; served in battle of Brandywine and Germantown; allowed pension on application executed while resident of Nelson Co. KY.; no data on file as to his family.

Thomas Dodson S39459:

Correspondence with Mable Cartright Benedict, South Orange, N. J. 29 Sept 1931 requesting information in regard to a DAR application;

"I am descended from a Thomas Dodson who m. Mehitabel Bisby and he was son of John Dodson .From the Div. of Public Records, Harrisburg PA Thos. Dodson served as private on a roll of John Christie's company of the Fifth PA regiment commanded by Co. Francis Johnston Sept. 9, 1778; from Pennsylvania Archives Fifth Series Vol. 3 p. 39. and John Dodson who served as private on a return of the First Company Second Battalion Chester Co. militia commanded by Lt. Co. Thomas Ball, ordered tour of duty Sept 24, 1781; Pennsylvania Archives Fifth Series Vol. 5 p 536"

Reply to Mrs. Alfred C. Benedict, S. Orange N. J. Washington, D. C. Oct. 12, 1931.

"From data obtained from papers on file in Claim S39459; Thomas Dodson enlisted in the State of PA in the fall of 1775, served in Capt Caleb North's Company in Col. Anthony Wayne's PA regiment and in Capt John Christie's Co. in Col. Johnston's PA regiment; in battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth; served till fall of 1781. Was allowed pension on his application executed May 25, 1818 at which time he was living in Shenandoah Co. VA and was age 70 years. He stated in 1820 that none of his children was living with him; names of children not given nor name of his wife stated. He died April 10, 1835. Signed A. D. Heller Asst. to Administrator."

(6) Indexes to US Censuses of 1810, 1820, and 1830

Searched for Thomas Dotson (Dodson) in Shenandoah County, Virginia

1810: DOTSEN, THOMAS, PAGE 33 SHENANDOAH 12101-01101-00
(Key; males and females; <10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, >45)

1820: DODSON, THOS. SHEN. 172 WOODSTOCK 000001-10020
(Key; males; <10, 10-16, 16-18, 16-26, 26-45, >45; females; <10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, >45)

1830: no Thomas Dotson, or Dodson, was listed in Shenandoah Co. as head of household; one Thos Dotson in Greenbrier Co. p. 173.

Note: Appendix B

¹ The Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr. and Mrs Sherman Williams, *The Dodson (Dotson) Family of North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia: A History and Genealogy of Their Descendants*, Vol. II (P. O. Box 738 Easley, South Carolina 29641-0738: Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1989), p. 1446-1449.

Appendix C

Henry Franks

Henry Franks was the father of Mary Franks Dotson, the wife of William Dotson (Chapter V) and the ancestor of several hundred Dotsons of this (Doddridge County, WV) and surrounding areas. He was a contemporary of Richard Dotson during the Revolutionary War in present day Greene County Pennsylvania, part of the time under the same fort commander, Capt. John Minor.

We first learned the name of Henry Franks by accident. When Sarah Ravencraft Jones made application for a pension; Mary Franks Dotson, in a supporting affidavit, states, "James Jones and Sarah Ravencraft Jones, ate their wedding supper at the home of my father, Henry Franks."

Michael Franks, married ca. 1725, is probably the father of Henry Franks. We know very little of Henry Franks' ancestors.

Abstract of Henry Franks' Military Record

The following is a brief abstract of Henry Franks' military record compiled from his pension application of 1833 and other sources; a more detailed account follows later in this appendix.:

Henry Franks first volunteered in the spring of 1775, while living on the Big Whiteley River near the Monongahela River about 20 miles from Beesons town (Note: now Uniontown). He served under John Miner (Minor) and was marched to Straitler's (Stadler's) Fort on Dunkard Creek, where he served in the garrison and on scouting duty. At that time, it was acceptable to volunteer for brief periods, so in three months he was mustered out.

He volunteered the second time in June 1776 and entered the service under Capt. Jesse Pigman for three months serving part of that time at Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh).

From Fort Pitt his Company marched down the Ohio River to a spot six miles below Wheeling, near the mouth of Grave Creek (Moundsville), to bury a number of whites who had been massacred by a party of marauding Indians. After his duty, he was stationed at Wheeling, then Fort Henry.

After being mustered out at Wheeling, Henry Frank immediately revolunteered...his third enlistment...in the Company of Rangers commanded by Captain John Wetzel.

Henry Franks enlisted for the fourth term in the fall of 1777; this time he served with Captain Thomas Swain at Stadler's Fort. Many years later, when he applied for his military pension, he stated, "I served, the nature of our service being the protection of

the frontier settlers from the barbarities of the Indians.”

Franks enlisted for the fifth time in June 1778. During the course of five enlistments, he evidently had no contact with the British.

During his final term of duty, he served under Captain William Cross.

Henry Frank's fourth child; Mary A. (Molly or Polly) Franks, m. William Dotson, a son of Richard Dotson and Mary _____. (Doddridge Death record of William Dotson, Sr.)
This family is the subject of Chapter V, William Dotson, Sr.

Parkersburg News Article-Henry Franks

The following account of Henry Franks was written by Diana McMahan and appeared in *The Parkersburg News*.

“MATAMORAS MAN VOLUNTEERED FIVE TIMES FOR WAR.

The Parkersburg News, Sunday September 13, 1941.

By Diana McMahan, The News Correspondent.

NEW MATAMORAS, OHIO...One of the many Revolutionary war veterans who brought his family and settled on the wide Ohio river bottom lands in Grandview Township, Henry Franks, left an outstanding military record for he volunteered five separate times to serve in the Revolutionary war.

Much of the surviving story of Henry Frank's life comes from his military record which is filed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. In June 1834, he applied for a pension and at that time related his activities during the war. He could neither read or write at that time, but illiteracy was so common in those years that it was not counted as a handicap. He signed his name as a big sprawling “X” on the legal papers, with a broadtip quill pen that may have come from a local goose.

MARYLAND NATIVEThere are conflicting stories on the birth of Henry Taylor Franks. He was most likely born in Picataway, Md., just south of Washington, D.C., in 1751. This town is on an inlet of the Potomac river, diagonally opposite Mount Vernon.

However, descendants of two of his children, Owen and Maria Louisa, have a family story that tells that he was of English origin.

Very little is known of his early life. In September 1777 he married Margaret Van Buskirk in Frederick, Md. She was said to have been a strongwilled, red haired woman of Dutch origin. Margaret's parents were John and Elizabeth (Shover?) Van Buskirk.

ORIGINAL ENLISTMENTHenry Franks first volunteered in the spring of 1775, while living on the Big Whitely (sic Whiteley) near the Monongahela river about 20 miles from Beesons town (Note:now

Uniontown). He served under John Miner (Minor) and was marched to Straitler's (Stadler's) Fort on Dunkard Creek, where he served in the garrison and on scouting duty. At that time, it was acceptable to volunteer for brief periods, so in three months he was mustered out. He volunteered the second time in June 1776 and entered the service under Capt. Jesse Pigman for three months serving part of that time at Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh). From Fort Pitt his Company marched down the Ohio river to a spot six miles below Wheeling, near the mouth of Grave Creek (Moundsville), to bury a number of whites who had been massacred by a party of maura-uding Indians. After his duty, he was stationed at Wheeling, then Fort Henry. (note...This ambush occured 29 September 1777...See, Page 12, Wilson, Barr *The Descendants of John Wilson*, Printed by McClain Printing Co. Parsons W.Va. Barr Wilson Toll Gate WV 26442 1975)

JOHN WETZEL'S COMPANY.After being mustered out at Wheeling, Henry Frank immediately revolunteered...his third enlistment...in the Company of Rangers comman- ded by Captain John Whitsell(Whetzel). John Wetzel is best remembered as the father of Lewis Whetzel, the legendary Indian fighter, frontiersman and border scout, whose center of operation was Fort Henry. However, John Whetzel was a presence on the frontier in his own right, risking his life many times during the Indian wars. He was finally shot and killed by an Indian bullet in June 1786, and was buried nearby at Baker's Station, Marshall Co.,W.Va.

While serving with John Whetzel, Henry Franks and the rest of the company proceeded to Big Whitley, still his home, to Ten Mile Creek, and along the frontiers of western Pennsylvania and Virginia. Other officers in John Whetzel's Company were: William Crawford, Lt.; John Madiosn, Ensign; Peter Miller, Sergeant; Christian Copley, Sergeant; and John Province Jr., Quartermaster.

RE-ENLISTMENT.....Henry Franks enlisted for the fourth term in the fall of 1777; this time he served with Captain Thomas Swain at Stadler's Fort. Many years later, when he applied for his military pension, he stated, "I served, the nature of our service being the protection of the frontier settlers from the barbarities of the Indians." Franks enlisted for the fifth time in June 1778. During the course of five enlistments, he evidently had no contact with the British.

During his final term of duty, he served under Captain William Cross. In his own words, "Served under him during General McIntosh's campaign, was stationed part of the time near the mouth of Beaver on the Ohio river at Fort McIntosh."

The remainder of his enlistment, the company ranged, "through what is now the State of Ohio and were employed at the erection of a fort on the Muskingum river." And, during McIntosh's campaign, we were under

the command of Colonel Evans, Col. Daniel Broadhead and Col. William Crawford; also commanded at that time.

In 1834 when Henry Franks was applying for a government pension for his Revolutionary war service, he described where he lived after the war. "I resided about seven years near Clines Fort on the Monongahela, next in the State of Maryland about 25 miles from Cumberland about seven years, next for about 21 years in Hampshire Co., Va., next in Ohio Co., Va., and from thence I removed to Washington County, Ohio, where I now reside and have resided for the space of about 19 years last past."

Two friends testified that he had served in the war as stated, Rev. Charles Talbot of the Methodist Church and James Williamson. Henry Franks was granted his Revolutionary War pension, which came to \$40 per year.

FRANKS GENEALOGYSome sources say that Henry and Margaret Van Buskirk Franks had as many as 17 children and others say that the number is confused because of several grandchildren they raised after the death of their daughter, the children's mother. It is probable that they had twelve children.

1.-Henry Franks born circa 1781. He m. and had three children, and moved to Missouri.

2.-Ann Franks born circa 1783, m. a Judge Flannigan. No record.

3.-Isaac Franks (1785-1880), m. Sarah Harris and lived in DeKalb Co., Ind. They had five children.

4.-Mary A,(Molly or Polly) Franks, born ca 1785 or '86. She m. William Dotson and lived in Doddridge Co., W.Va. (For this family, see, Chapter V). They had four children, one of whom, William Buskirk Dotson, married his first cousin, Louisa Ankrom, daughter of Margaret Franks Ankrom. (Note...Parents of 14 known children).

5.-John Franks, born in Virginia.

6.-Wesley Franks, born circa 1787 in Virginia.

7.-Clarissa Franks, m. a Waite. No other information.

8.-Elizabeth Franks, born circa 1791. She m(1) a Mr. Jitt; m(2) a Kilpatrick; and m(3) a Dupre.

9.-Margaret E. Franks, born circa 1797, m. Lindsey Ankrom (1792-1851) Washington Co., Ohio in 1816. They had 10 children and she died in 1833. It was her children that Henry and Margaret Franks raised.

10.-James Van Buskirk Franks (1799-circa 1886). Married Edith Irene Marsh, moved to Iowa. His second wife was Mary Genung.

11).-Maria Louisa Franks, born circa 1805, m(1) John Newton Wick, then m(2), his brother, Samuel Tate Wick. They had four children.

12.-Owen Franks (1806-1881), m. Catherine Parr, dau. of Nathan and Mary Daugherty Parr and had 11 children. He was an eminent man in Marietta, Ohio, where he made his home. He founded Leidecker Tool Works. Henry and Margaret Van Buskirk Franks are buried in a small

cemetery near the northeast corner of the government property and what was once Lock 16 at Beavertown, Ohio. Henry Franks died Jan. 14, 1842 and his gravestone remains, mostly shaled away and broken. Margaret's marker is unreadable, but it is thought that she died April 26, 1844, aged 84 years. The footstone for the couple can still be plainly read, "H.F. & M.F."

Other stones are those of Margaret (Franks) Ankrom, died January 1833, age 36 years; Linzey Ankrom, died July 23 1851; and Peter Dailey, died April 28, 1851, age 34 years 6 months, 11 days. There are several other graves in the Cemetery, the stones broken away so that they are unreadable.

Thanks for much of the Franks information goes to Rosalind Davenport Gibbs of Tampa, Florida."

End of article by Dianna McMahan in *Parkersburg News*.

Henry Franks Application for a Pension

"STATE OF OHIO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

On this 25 day of Junc 1834 personally appeared before the Court of Common pleas of the County and State aforesaid; Henry Franks, a resident of the Township of Grandview, in the County of Washington and State of Ohio, aged eighty three years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer, in the spring of the year 1775 at his residence on Big Whiteley, about 20 miles from Beeson Town, on the Monongahela river, State of Pennsylvania, under Captain John Miner (Minor); was marched to Gerrards Fort on Dunkards Creek (sic. Gerrards Fort was on the Big Whiteley, see map), where he served in garrison and on scout for the term of three months, when he was discharged the time for which he had volunteered having expired.

In the month of June 1776 he again entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Jesse Pigman for the term of three months and served part of the time at Fort Pitt at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, from thence they were ordered to proceed down the Ohio river to a place about 6 miles below Wheeling, for the purpose of burying a number of dead who had been massacred by the Indians. (note...This is the massacre of Captain Foreman and his men on the 29 of September 1777, at the Narrows...See, page 12. "Descendants of John Wilson"). After performing that service he was stationed at Wheeling until the end of his term of service. On the first of May 1777 he again volunteered for a term of three months under Captain John Whetsel and proceeded from Big Whitely, where he still resided, to the head of Dunkird Creek, and from there to the head of Ten Mile Creek and ranged along the frontier of Pa. and Western Va. for the protection of the inhabitants against the Indians, until his term of service expired. Again in the fall of the same year he entered as a volunteer under Capt. Thomas Swann for the term of three months, all of which time he served in garrison at Stradler's Fort on Dunkard Creek. In the month of June 1778

he again volunteered under Captain William Cross and served under him through Gen. McIntosh's Campaign, was stationed part of the time near the mouth of Beaver on the Ohio river at Fort McIntosh, the remainder of the term they were ranging through what is now the State of Ohio, and employed in the erection of a Fort on the Muskingum river in the month of December he was discharged and returned home having served six months on this tour. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest. Geo. Cumlevy Clerk.

his

HENRY FRANKS

mark

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary war soldier and served as he stated.

We Charles Talbott, a clergyman & James Williamson residing in the Township of Grandview, County of Washington and State of Ohio, do hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Henry Franks who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be eighty three years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resided to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Charles Talbott.

James Williamson.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest Geo. Cumlevy Clerk.

INTERROGATORIED PROPOUNDED BY THE COURT:

1st. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer...Picataway in the State of Maryland in the year 1751.

2nd...Have you any record of your age and if so what is it?

Answer...I have no record.

3rd...Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer...I was living on Big Whiteley about twenty miles from Beeson Town on the Monongahela river, in the State of Pa...after which I resided about seven years near Clines Fort on the Monongahela; next in the State of Md. about 25 miles from Cumberland about seven years; next about 21 years in Hampshire County, Virginia; next in Ohio County, Va., from thence I removed to Washington Co., Ohio, where I now reside and have resided for the space of 19 years past.

4th...How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer...I entered as a volunteer in each case.

5th...State the name of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services?

Answer...Except in General McIntosh's campaign I have no recollection of their being any regular officers other than the Captains under which I served, the nature of our service being the protection of the frontier settlers from the barbarities of the Indians did not bring us in company with regular officers, or Continental or Militia Regiments during McIntosh's Campaign We were under command of Colonel Daniel Broadhead and Col. William Crawford also commanded at the time.

6th...Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what became of it?

Answer...I never did receive a written one.

7th...State the names of persons by whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer...Charles Talbott a clergyman and James Williamson both reside in my neighborhood.

HENRY his mark FRANKS

Sworn and published the day and year aforesaid.

Attest. Geo. Conlevy Clerk.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he stated. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Charles Talbott is a clergyman & James Williamson ___ who have signed the proceeding certificate, are residents of the Township of Grandview in this County, and are creditable persons and that their statement is entitled to credit. “

The next and last paragraph is blurred and not readable. The date 1834 is readable and it is signed by the Clerk.

Appendix D

Unplaced Dotsons

While doing research for this book, several Dotson names appeared which have not been identified as descendants of Richard Dotson; however, many likely are his descendants, but we do not have sufficient information to place them in his descendant line. These Dotsons have been included in the following list, together with known information about them, and if appropriate, a *possible* placement in the Richard Dotson family line.

1. ANN DOTSON:

In the 1983 edition of "Richard Dotson (1752-1847)", Chap. XIX.

"Ann Dotson, b. ca 1814. This marriage in Tyler County: '3 March 1833...John Cowson and Ann Dotson by Moses Tichenell.'

We do not know that Ann Dotson is a child of Richard Dotson and Naomi Villers Gregg Dotson. There is four years between the birth of Michael Dotson in 1812 and Naomi Dotson in 1816. There must have been a child born between these two."

In the Ritchie Co. WV census of 1880 there is a John Coulson (m) WM 85 b. Md Father to Wm C WM 35 and wife Margaret WF 35 (Ref. Marsh's Census index p. 37) Could this John b. 1795 be the John Cowson m. Ann Dotson 1833? No John Cowson or Coulson was found in a search of the 1850, 1860, or 1870 census index to WV.

Another Ann Dotson (Mary Ann), b. ca. 1824 or 1828 m. James F. Kelley.

This marriage in Tyler County, Book I, p. 52; "Kelly, James F. and Ann Dotson 2 December 1840 by Samuel Archbold" This Ann Dotson was a daughter of William Dotson, Sr. Chap. V-4.

No further information; Ann Dotson relegated to unplaced Dotsons.

2. ANNIE DOTSON

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "19 Aug. 1888...John T. Ferribee...age 25...b. Ritchie...m. *Annie Dotson*...age 26...b. Ritchie."

3. DELILA ANN DOTSON

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: "21 Aug. 1851..Peyton A Simms..m. *Delila Ann Dotson*."

4. ELIZABETH DOTSON:

In 1983 edition of "Richard Dotson (1752-1847)", Chap. XVII.

Elizabeth Dotson, b. ca. 1806. An Elizabeth Dotson m. William D. Lowther. This marriage in Harrison County: "25 Feb. 1825...William D. Lowther & Elizabeth Dotson by John Davis." Davis must have been a minister as he performed marriages in Tyler Co. in the 1830's and 1840's.

From the 1840 census of Tyler Co. WV 021;

Lowther William D. Males: 1 under 5; 1 5-10; 1 10-15; 1 30-40; females 1 under 5; 1 20-30; total 6.

No further information from later census.' Other William Lowthers in the the Tyler -Doddridge- Ritchie county area do not fit this family. William D. and Elizabeth Dotson Lowther are therefore assumed to have removed from this area.

Just possibly 'William D. Lowther' was changed in later censuses to 'William H. Lowther' wife a wife named Elizabeth:

From the 1850 census of Ritchie County:

Lowther, William H. (farmer)	born in Virginia	age 35 years.
Elizabeth		44
Mary J.		11
Phebe		7

This William's age of 35 years has to be in error, if he is the same man as 'William D' in marriage record above; he would have only been 10 years of age at the date of his marriage. But the age of 35 is confirmed in the 1860 census below:

1860 census of Ritchie County (201-192):

William H Lowther	45	Va	Farmer
Elizabeth	54	Va	
Mary J	21	Va	Househand
Phebe*	17	Va	Househand
Thomas Jones	7	OH	
William Jefferson	18	Va	

This marriage in Ritchie County:

*"16 Sept, 1861...Giles K. Dawson...age 23...born Jackson Co., Ohio...son of Moses K. and Sally Jane Dawson; m. Phebe I. Lowther... age 18...born Ritchie Co...Daughter of William H. and Elizabeth Lowther by John B. Pinshin." He was of Pike County, Ohio, at the time of this marriage

No further information; Elizabeth relegated to unplaced Dotsons.

5. ETTA DOTSON

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: "21 March 1896...Alva M. Ellefritt...age 23...b. Ritchie...m. *Etta Dotson*...age 18...b. Ritchie."

6. DOTSON, GEORGE AND REBECCA:

Ritchie Deaths p. 43: "Dotson Gerta Dec. 7 1883 d. Pennsboro consumption 11 yrs. parents *Dotson George and Rebecca*, b. Ritchie Co. Dotson Rebecca, mother Rept.." and "Dotson, Lee March 6, 1883 d. Pennsboro Typhoid fever 4 yrs. Parents George and Rebecca; Dotson Rebecca mother Rept."

No George and Rebecca Dotson found in Ritchie Co. WV censuses of 1870, 1880 or 1900. No other information.

7. LEWIS DOTSON:

In the 1983 edition of “Richard Dotson (1752-1847)” Chapter XXI.

“Lewis Dotson, b. ca 1819. This marriage in Tyler County: ’30 May 1844...Lewis Dotson and Margaret Bobbins by Jacob Yeater.’

We do not know that Lewis Dotson is a child of Richard Dotson and Naomi Villers Gregg Dotson. There are six years between the birth of Naomi Dotson in 1816 and Lydia Dotson in 1822. There must have been a child born between these two.

From Chap. 4, no male under 10 was found in Richard’s household in the 1820 census. No Lewis Dotson shown in the census index for Virginia (or West Virginia) for years 1850, 1860 or 1870. No other information. Lewis Dotson relegated to unplaced Dotsons.

8. LUCY G. DOTSON

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “18 June 1907...Floyd Rollins...age 25...b. Ritchie...resident Wood...m. *Lucy G. Dotson*...age 20...b. Ritchie.”

9. MARIAH DOTSON

Appearing in the June Court 1826 in Tyler County: Mariah Dotson Plaintiff against James Dotson Defendant in Trespass Assault and Battery:

“This day came the parties by their attorneys and by consent an award of the matters in controversy between the parties made by John Kinny and Charles Williamson is filed to which arbitrament as aforesaid the parties submit. Therefore is is considered by the court that in accordance to the award aforesaid this suit be dismissed and that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the sum of Eight dollars and fifty cents and also her costs by her expended in the prosecution of her suit in this behalf.”

James Dotson, the defendant, was a son of Richard Dotson, Sr. and owned land on Long Run of Arnold Creek at this time. We have not seen the name of any Mariah Dotson (who could fit this description) appear in any other document.

10. ROBERT L. DOTSON

This marriage in Ritchie Co.: “4 Aug. 1897...*Robert L. Dotson*...age 26...b. Ritchie...resident Cairo...m. Della Irene Pratt...age 18...b. Ritchie...resident Cairo.”

11. STACY DOTSON

In 1983 edition of “Richard Dotson (1752-1847)”, Chap. XVI.

Stacy Dotson , b. 1804 or 1805. This marriage in Tyler County: p.26 Feb. 1821...John G. Hayle (Hugel, Huggill ??) and Stacy Dotson by Joseph McCoy.”

In the 1810 census of Wood Co., Richard’s family included two females under 10; these most likely were Margaret “Peg” b. 1801 and Ruth b. ca. 1803; no space for an Elizabeth b. 1806 or Stacy b. ca. 1804 On the other hand Emanuel had two unidentified females under 10 in the 1810 census. Could not Elizabeth (see below) b. 1806 and/or Stacy b. ca 1804 have been daughters of Emanuel and Mary instead of Richard and Millie? No further information.

12. SYLVANIS DOTSON

This marriage in Doddridge Co.: “19 July 1864...*Sylvanis Dotson*...age 26... m. Mary Ann McCloy...age 18.”

Many other unidentified Dotsons, too numerous to include here, were found in the 1900, 1910 and 1920 censuses of WV and Ohio. For those readers looking at later generations (post1900), a search of the census soundex for these years is highly recommended.

Appendix E

Census Information

Much of the genealogical information presented in this book was derived from U. S. Census data for the decennial years 1810 to 1920. Microfilm copies of the census schedules were found either at the National Archives, or the LDS (Mormon) libraries.

1810-1840:

Census schedules for these years showed the names of enumerated heads of household only; other members of the household were simply tallied by age group, sex and race.

Printed indexes were available for the state of Virginia for each of these census years.

Example:

1830 census of Wood County (Dwelling #381)

Manuel Dotson, free white males; 2 under 5, 1 5-10, 1 20-30; free white females 1 under 5, 1 20-30.

1850 -1870:

The 1850 census was the first to record each person's age, occupation if over age 15, and place of birth. If the parent of a person enumerated in the 1870 schedule was of foreign birth, that fact was indicated.

Example:

1850 Census of Ritchie County (Dwelling #554-Family #554):

Dotson, Hiram	26	born Virginia	farmer
Susan	23	born Virginia	
Mansfield H.	6	born Virginia	
Spencer	5	born Virginia	
Perry	3	born Virginia	
Amos	7/12	born Virginia	

Some entries included "R.E." = value of individual's real estate, and "Per" = value of individual's personal property.

Printed indexes were available for the states of Virginia and West Virginia for these years, as well as some other states of interest. Liberal use was also made of the indexes compiled by Wes Cochran and associates for Ritchie County for the years 1850, 1860 and 1870, and the 1850 census index for Doddridge County, with annotations, by Mary Davis Atkinson. These county indexes contained most of the genealogical information of interest (name, age and birthplace of each individual in the household), thus making it unnecessary to look up the original census schedules on microfilm. Each household entry was given a dwelling and family number, as recorded by the census taker, thus making it possible to identify neighboring families.

1880:

The 1880 census added the relationship of each individual to the head of the household.

Example:

1880 Census, Wirt County, 156 001:

Dodson, Amos A	WM 30	Farmer	VA VA VA
Eveline	WF 36	wife Keeping House	VA VA VA
Ora N	WF 2	dau	WV VA VA
Orville H	WM 3/12	son (Mar 1880)	WV VA VA
Peck, George(m)	WM 72	Fil	VA VA VA
Peck, Drusella(m)	WF 71	Mil	VA VA VA
Peck, Ann L (s)	WF 44	Sil	VA VA VA

“156 001” = enumeration district # 156 of Wirt Co.; “page #1” of this entry in the microfilmed census enumeration district #156.

“WM”= “White” “Male”

“VA VA VA”= “Virginia” birthplace of individual, individual’s father and individuals mother.

(m) = married, (s) = single

(Mar 1880) = birth month and year of Orville H Dodson

Fil, Mil, Sil = father-in-law, mother-in-law, and son-in-law

1890:

General population schedules from the 1890 census are not available (destroyed by fire in 1921). A special schedule is available enumerating the Union veterans, and widows of Union Veterans, of the Civil War. An example of this type entry may be found in Chapter V-1 Emanuel Dotson.1.-Hiram S. Dotson.

1900:

The 1900 census schedule was the most detailed of any released up to that time, some of which information was not of interest to this writing. Most of the genealogical information was contained in a special index called “soundex” which was reproduced as a separate microfilm publication for each state. Index card give name, race, month and year of birth, age, citizenship status, place of residence by state and county, and civil division. The cards also listed the volume number, enumeration district number, and page and line numbers of the original schedule from which the information was taken; (“30 88 19 27” in the following example). The latter information was recorded and reproduced for the use of those readers interested in looking at the original census schedules.

Example:

1900 census, Ritchie Grant Dist 30 88 19 27:

Dotson Perry E	W	June 1847	53	WV
Hellen E	W	Mar 1843	57	WV
Zelona L	D	Dec 1876	23	WV
James P	S	Oct 1890	19	WV
Ward Charles E	Bo	May 1888	12	WV

In the line for the head of household “W” is an abbreviation for “White” (race or color). In the second line, “W” is an abbreviation for “Wife” (relationship to head of household). Other abbreviations in this column are: “D” = daughter, “S” = son, “Bo” = boarder. Other columns are for month and year of individual’s birth, age, and place of birth.

1910:

The 1910 census schedule contained information similar to that of 1900 with the exception that the month and year of birth were omitted.

Soundex (or miracode) indexes were available for most states of interest and genealogical information presented in this book was taken mostly from this index. Cards contain surname, first name, state and county of residence, race, age, and place of birth; each card also listed the volume number, enumeration district number, and visitation number assigned by the enumerator in the original census schedule (“048 0113 0215” in the following example). In some states (e.g. California) there were four numbers, corresponding to volume number, enumeration district number, page and line number.

Example:

1910 census soundex of WV: Wirt 048 0113 0215:

Dotson Orvil	H W	30	WV WV
Della D	W	25	WV
Carl M	S	03	WV

In the line for the head of household (abbreviation “H”), “W” = white (race), “30” = age; “WV WV” = place of birth, and place of residence for head of household.

1920:

The 1920 census became available April 1992, shortly before publication of this book; its use was limited to selective families only, for the identification of family members of recent generations.

Soundex information was used; format for 1920, shown in the following example, followed in general the formats for 1900 and 1910.

Example:

1920 census soundex of WV; Wetzel 53 155 2 60:

Dotson, Creed	W	46	WV
Amanda	W	38	WV
Edith	D	15	WV
Simon	S	6	WV
William	S	2	WV

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